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New fee  
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Many Northwest students raised brows of concern upon glancing over University bills this trimester. A \$70 per trimester health fee seemingly appeared out of the blue, leaving students wondering why. The Board of Regents approved the fee in June for students enrolled in six credit hours or more to help provide a stable funding source for the health center, generating approximately \$700,000.

However, many students do not understand the additional charge that it encompasses.

"It would have been all right if the health center had the authority to do that," senior Derek Hancock said. "I have been there two times: once for a sprained ankle and once for a severely cut finger. Both times I didn't do anything and sent the emergency room."

Senior Amber Hogue shares similar sentiments. She doesn't completely understand why the health center remains in tact for everyone, including those with insurance.

"It is retarded," Hogue said. "Should the students that never use the health center still have to pay?"

Many students agree lack of support for the fee results from equal education about what the fee passes.

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Council  
petitioned  
to oust  
alcohol

Nick Hadley  
Managing Editor

City Parks and Recreation are on a mission to outlaw consumption in public parks, receiving complaints from area residents claiming city parks have unsafe and out-of-control areas. Parks and Recreation board members petitioned the City Council on Oct. 1 to enact an ordinance banning any alcoholic drinks from within the department's jurisdiction. However, the ordinance would allow special use permits for certain events including carnivals, rodeos and festivals meeting normally on weekends, contingent upon certain rules. The board submitted two pre-proposals, over the past 12 months in hopes of addressing safety issues outlined by residents and employees.

Residents have complained violence and profanity have consumed bars—forcing them to restrain themselves.

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## THE 'CATS DIG HIM

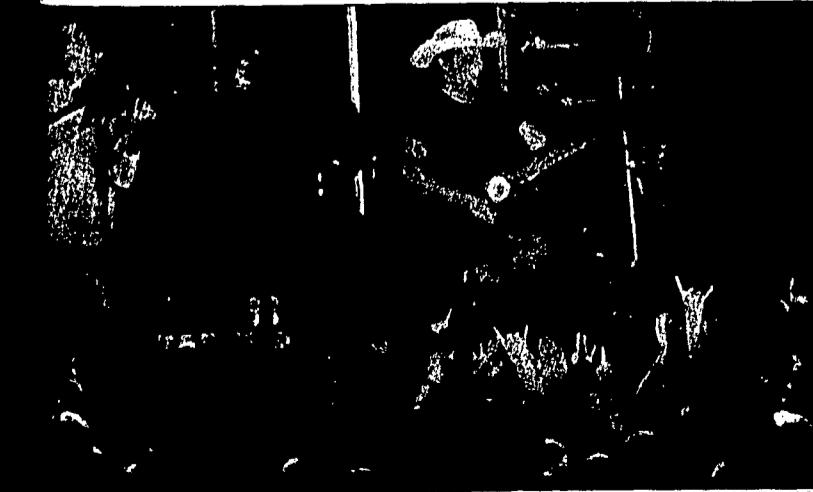


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TRY SINGER Chris Cagle came to a packed Bearcat Arena on Monday night. He was inducted into Phi Delta Theta fraternity before the concert.

# Feel the beat: Powwow rocks Bearcat Arena



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AMERICAN INDIANS danced the afternoon away Sunday in Bearcat Arena during the 2nd annual Northwest Powwow. During the event, over 100 American Indian dancers and singers traveled to the event. The event lasted throughout the day. **BETWEEN:** Badger and Karen Wahwasuck take part in the weekend's powwow.

## Large turnout for annual Powwow held over the weekend

By Evan Young  
Staff Writer

Northwest hosted the Indians this weekend at Bearcat Arena. It was not, however, for a pre-season basketball match up.

Over 100 American Indian dancers and singers representing tribes from across the Great Plains journeyed to Bearcat Arena Sunday to celebrate their culture at the 2nd annual Northwest Powwow.

The event included a dance competition in which the participants danced in several different style categories to win more than \$4,000 in prize money.

There were competitive categories for American Indian men, women and junior boys and girls, as well as a non-competitive Tiny Tots category for American Indian children six years of age and younger.

For each competitive category, all eligible dancers gathered on the arena floor and danced to one or two songs played by one of the eight drum groups surrounding the floor. Five judges critiqued the dancers' performances to decide which one should be declared the champion.

Powwow emcee Manny King told the crowd the principal quality the judges looked for in the dancers was confidence.

"The dancer must be able to say to the judge, 'I want to be in this arena,'" he said.

## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE POWWOW? A QUICK GUIDE TO THE EVENT

**Quick fix.** Both featured dancers for the event were unable to attend due to various problems, leaving coordinators to head to backup plans.

**Dancing.** Participants competed in a variety of different dancing categories in hopes of winning.

**Food.** If dancing wasn't enough, those in attendance had the opportunity to try a variety of different foods.



In addition, at several points during the program the arena floor opened for Intertribal Dancing so that all of the dancers could share the floor without the pressure of the judges.

The dancers were dressed from head to toe in full American Indian regalia and each outfit was unique. Some donned brightly-colored robes and giant feathered headbands, while others jingled and rattled when they walked from the many bells and shakers lining their moccasins, legs and waists.

The Powwow was open and free to the public, and throughout the day attendees of all ages filtered in and out of the stands.

Maryville resident Libby Stiens said she, her husband and daughter decided to check out this year's Powwow to make up for not attending before.

"We saw it advertised and thought it looked kind of interesting," she said. "Last year we were busy and couldn't make it to the first one, so we thought we'd come out."

Outside the arena, spectators lined up in front of the concession stand to feast upon genuine American Indian fare, such as fried bread and Indian tacos. At another end, vendors offered colorful T-shirts and posters commemorating the event. The proceeds from concession and memorabilia sales went toward the Northwest American Indian Scholarship Fund.

The festivities began at noon with one of two ceremonious grand entries into the arena led by the color guard from the Haskell Warriors Society, representing American Indian military veterans.

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## Students help beautify Maryville

By Jessica Schmidt  
Staff Writer

Flaking, grimy, tarnished paint turned new, bright, sparkling paint with the help of 140 student volunteers who made three Maryville residents' lives a little better.

For student volunteers Saturday, Oct. 1, became synonymous with B.R.U.S.H. Service Day, or Beautifying Residences Using Student Help. The program selects a few project houses every year for cleaning, painting, and yard work for residents who are unable to do so themselves.

Aleta Hubbard founded the

program in 2002, so far completing a total of 18 project houses. This year the committee selected three houses in Maryville for brightening.

"We got in touch with these three houses through flyers distributed with the Meals on Wheels Program," Hubbard said.

According to Angela Perkins with the Volunteer Office, the event had more than enough volunteers from campus and community.

"Our goal was to get 100 volunteers and we got about 140, so we definitely exceeded our goal," Perkins said. "Overall, the whole

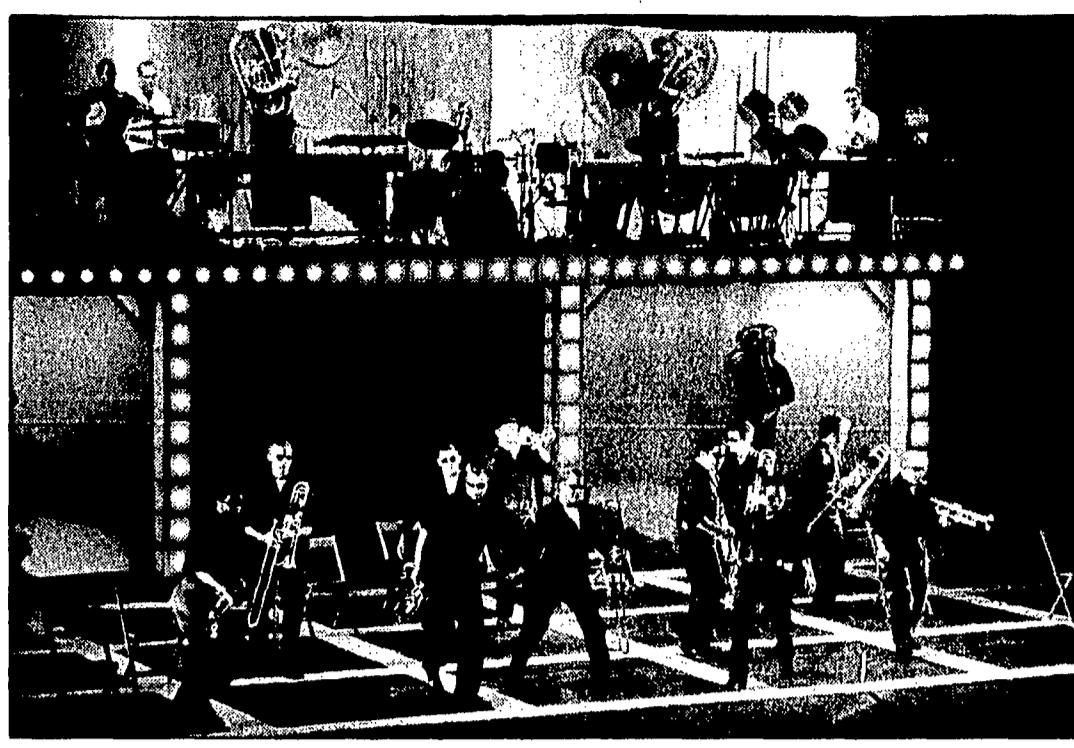
day went really smooth, mainly because we had more than enough hands."

Throughout the day the student volunteers painted, cleaned out gutters, pulled weeds and replaced damaged wood.

"At one of the houses, the volunteers actually found and cleaned up an old sidewalk that had been covered up," Perkins said. "We just gave the houses some added curb appeal."

Student organizations, Greek Life, to Student Senate, to the Newman Center,

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ENCORE PRESENTS "Blast", a theatrical display of music and dance Tuesday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The group travels the country showcasing their drum corps.

## 'Blast' stuns campus

### Group entertains campus with music and dance

By Ben Koehn  
Chief Reporter

With blaring horns, thunderous drums and over-the-top dance numbers, "Blast!" left the audience at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center mesmerized Tuesday night.

"I thought it was art at its epitome," junior Ali Boelter said. "They could do everything."

The show combines drum and brass corps with dance, singing, comedy, vivid colors and elaborate choreography to create something "Blast!" conductor Wesley Bullock calls "noise theatre."

"Blast!" brings together top corps performers from all over the United States.

All of the performers are multi-talented in different art forms ranging from playing musical instruments to singing to dancing to acting. Bullock said the talents of the performers in all of these different areas are what make "Blast!" unique. Bullock said that for him, communicating different emotions and senses to the audience is rewarding.

"I enjoy open communication," Bullock said. "Getting rid of my ego so that a single message can be sent to a thousand people."

According to Bullock, the show is something that must be experienced to understand.

"For someone who hasn't seen the show it's like trying to describe what salmon tastes like," Bullock said.

Bullock also calls the show a "visual tone poem." The show uses music and dance to express colors as emotions.

Love and jealousy were depicted in a bath of red light. Loneliness and sadness were presented in shades of blue. One number involving baton-twirling dancers dressed in green hinted at a theme of magic and fantasy.

Sanford Jones, who is currently on leave of absence from the University of Arizona, said that he enjoys the show because it allows the audience to escape from their daily lives.

"On any given night, the audience—no matter where it is—takes something different from it," Jones said.

"Once again it ceases to amaze me," said freshman Shaylee Young who saw the show for her fifth time Tuesday night.

Currently touring the United States, Blast has played London and Broadway and received an Emmy and a Tony in 2001.

### Students jump rope for heart disease cure

Students at the Horace Mann Laboratory School on the Northwest campus will participate in the Jump Rope for Heart fund-raising drive for the American Heart Association beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in

Bearcat Arena.

Third- through sixth-level pupils will jump from 9-10 a.m., and kindergartners through second-level students will jump from 10-11 a.m.

Children participating in

the event seek pledges from parents, neighbors and community members, typically raising a total of several thousand dollars.

The youngsters receive a variety of donated gifts and toys for taking part.

## Quality officials visit campus

By Dennis Sharkey  
Chief Reporter

Since Northwest is internationally known for quality, it is only natural that others will want to follow.

Officials of higher education in the United Kingdom have looked at Northwest as a model of how education institutions should be run.

In 2000, funding was granted to Professor Philip Sullivan, of DeMontfort University and Michael Brown, president of John Moores University by Steve Egan director of the Higher Education Funding Council for England. The funding was for a project aimed at identifying the value of the European Foundation for Quality Management, an award similar to the Baldrige Quality Award given out here in the United States.

The two men contacted the National Institute for Standards and Technology, the governing body of the Baldrige, to gain contacts with institutions following the Baldrige plan.

Initially six institutions agreed to talk but Sullivan said over the years the other institutions fell off leaving only Northwest. In 2002, the group made its first visit to the Northwest campus and was told to observe whatever they wished.

Sullivan said after the first visit it became obvious that something special was occurring.

ring at Northwest. Sullivan's second visit came last year during the Baldrige site visit to Northwest.

Sullivan said the group was looking for an American institution that applied the Baldrige standards to improve education and the well-being of students and faculty.

"I found it hard to find anyone with anything negative to say about Northwest," Sullivan said. "So I changed my methods and high jacked people in corridors, but the result was the same."

"In a (nut shell) I found that like any organization Northwest has its problems, but in the majority of things it is getting it right."

Sullivan, on his third visit brought Professor Bob Thackray of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education. He said Thackray is an acknowledged expert in people management and has seen just about any issue dealing with management of higher education.

"Bob arrived as a skeptic," Sullivan said. "He left respecting a university that genuinely cares for all of its people and the people it affects."

The group has also brought Northwest officials to England to speak at conferences dealing with higher education.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard has already made some visits and plans to make more next May. Paul Klute,

who works in Hubbard's office, will be traveling in November to speak.

Northwest Director of Assessment and Information Analysis David Oehler just returned from a visit. The British are highly interested in the Dashboard system that was developed by Oehler. The system is accessible to all Northwest faculty and staff. Oehler said the system is designed to help manage information people need for decision making and to do some predesigned analysis and present results so their easy to access.

Sullivan said the system is already being taught in the English school system and is an excellent tool.

Oehler said that conferences attended in England have proved to be valuable tools in understanding problems other institutions work and operate. He believes sharing ideas is the key.

"It's interesting because you get the perspective of people in other countries and the relationship between the institutions and the government," Oehler said. "You can see what political and public pressures on them and see if their similar."

"Whenever you go to another institution and learn what issues and what their problems are and what they're trying to accomplish, it invariably gives me ideas of things we could do differently."

## Wildlife inspires artistic style while artist inspires students

By Steven Kunkel  
Staff Writer

Art students at Northwest listened to publicized artist Rhea Edge speak on wildlife preservation Monday night.

Students were shown many different art techniques in Edge's lecture and allowed to look at select pieces of Edge's art in the gallery at the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building.

Edge spoke mainly on the technique of turning personal experiences in nature into art.

As she showed the different pieces a person could notice similarities in themes as she mainly focused on birds, whale and animals being trapped.

"I started to develop my work that was about my feelings of these animals," Edge said.

Edge mentioned on many occasions that she feels strongly about people taking animals from their natural habitat and moving them. She also stated that people should not be

predators.

"That's the power of art," Edge said. "You can take that idea that is in your heart, in your soul and show it to others."

As Edge showed powerful slide after powerful slide to students, attendee Nina Pecora remained impressed with Edge's art and her presentation.

"I thought she did a good job of expressing her views and opinions through her art and her message was really clear," Pecora said.

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

#### Alumna gives over \$1 million

Allene Hunt Porter, a 1941 graduate of Northwest, who died in 2002, has left a majority of her estate to the University to create the Hunt-Porter Scholarship Fund in memory of her family and her late husband Ben.

That gift, slightly more than \$1 million, helped establish the second largest scholarship fund in Northwest history. The scholarships will be awarded to deserving Mis-

souri high school graduates who plan to pursue a degree in teaching.

The Porter bequest marks the sixth seven-figure gift in Northwest history. The University is in the final stages of The Campaign for Northwest, the inaugural capital campaign. The campaign, which had an initial goal of \$21 million, has garnered more than \$38 million and will conclude in February 2006.

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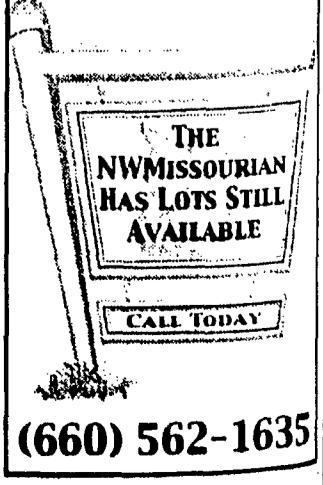
### University hosts Career Day

Representatives from about 100 employers, graduate schools and professional education programs will visit Northwest Missouri State University Wednesday Oct. 12 for Fall Career Day, held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

In order to help students with their planning, Career Services has posted the list of participating employers on its site.

Between 800 and 1,000 students are expected to participate, and some will be called back Thursday, Oct. 13, for Interview Day, during which recruiters conduct interviews with "pre-selected" applicants and students who made a good impression during Career Day.

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# Benefit honors death, eases expenses

By Riley Huskey  
Special Sections Editor

Somber faces were met with children playing, laughing and smiling in what normally would be a silent room.

Becky Greeley, 45, died Sept. 18, ending her struggle with cancer. Sunday gave the community a chance to give back to a woman with deep ties to the University.

A benefit was held in her honor at the Community of Faith Church to ease the final costs and lost wages for her husband, Gary, and their children Tyler, 12, Spencer, 9, and Abbie, 6.

"The community really reached out to the family," Becky's sister Cecilia Kelmel said. "It helped me, personally, that the community came out and helped. I just couldn't believe that so many family members, friends and coworkers came out tonight—it was a blessing."

Kelmel, who organized the benefit, said the night would not have been possible without the support of friends and family. Dona-

tions were accepted at the door, donated items were placed in a silent auction and homemade goods were available for sale.

Becky, a lifelong Maryville resident and a 1978 Maryville High School graduate, worked for the University bookstore for more than 20 years. Both Kelmel and brother Rick Wilson agreed—she was a kind and giving woman.

"She was as close to perfect as anyone I've ever known," Kelmel said. "Not only was she caring and loving toward all human beings, she sent cards of encouragement to people just because she could. She was an excellent mother and a wonderful wife."

While Kelmel spoke of Becky's personality, Wilson spoke of her personal life and character.

"She put herself behind everyone and everything else," Wilson said. "She made other peoples' situations and concerns her own, while her own life issues were just that—her own. She was always there for you, always



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**SISTER OF BECKY** Greeley, Cecilia Kelmel, worked behind the scenes at the benefit dinner. All of the proceeds of the dinner went to the Becky Greeley Memorial Fund.

had advice for you and, best of all, she always had an answer for you."

Becky, Kelmel and Wilson were all born and raised in Maryville, living only blocks away from one another. Wil-

son said that after he met and spoke with those in attendance, Becky's ties to the community were clearer than ever.

"I guess I was surprised to see so many come out

tonight—I didn't realize she had touched so many people," he said. "She always did keep in close contact with everyone she met. That was one of the unique things about her."

## Plans underway to upgrade wastewater system

By Dominick Hadley  
Community Editor

Maryville's sewer system will receive an estimated \$4 million upgrade as city officials finalize plans to engineer a processing unit that would purify waste before it's dumped into a neighboring lagoon.

The upgrade stems from an amendment passed by the Missouri Clean Water Commission requiring 96 percent of Missouri's classified streams

to implement newer, improved bacterial standards.

The classified streams must be equipped to handle a condition called "whole body contact recreation use"—meaning the streams must be safe for any type of swimming use.

The changes add whole body contact recreation use designations to all classified water bodies not currently designated for whole body contact, except where it has been shown that no swimming

uses occur and stream characteristics make any swimming highly unlikely.

"If people are going to use (those streams for recreation) it makes sense to have bacterial standards that make it safe for that use," Environmental Specialist Stacia Bax said.

Nearly 850 state wastewater treatment plants must add new bacterial controls—including Maryville.

The city currently pumps its sewage through a pipe into

a 102 River lagoon near Highway 136.

The system was built more than 30 years ago, and because of the new criteria it must be updated.

"Whoever that was that chose to install that unit was a genius because it cost a minimal amount," Unrein said. "Our city has survived for 30 years on a system that has met its natural lifespan. Our sewer treatment system will have to change holistically."

Snyder and Associates conducted a study six months ago examining the existing system and how it would react to the new regulations.

Although no official plans have been drafted, engineers concluded that a "polishing unit"—a mechanical unit that would treat the bacterial content before waste is released into the lagoon—must be built.

Unrein estimates the unit would cost \$4 to \$5 million to build.

## CITYBRIEFS

### Employee law forum planned

The Northwest Missouri Employers Committee, in conjunction with the Missouri Division of Workforce Development, will hold a seminar 7:30 a.m., Oct. 27, at the Station.

Alice Bartlett, Labor and Industrial Relations Commissioner, will discuss "How Changes in the Workers' Compensation Law Affect You."

The cost of the seminar is \$15 and includes a breakfast buffet.

### Humane Society to hold meeting

The New Nodaway Humane Society will hold its annual meeting 7 p.m., Oct. 11, at the lower level of the Maryville Public Library.

Officer elections, progress report on shelter activities and an update of the calendar project will be discussed.

Refreshments will be served.

### Youth dance lessons offered

Maryville Parks and Recreation will offer Youth Dance lessons Oct. 17, at the Maryville Community Center.

Classes are instructed by Tara Wells and cover the following categories:

- Jazz techniques, ages 3-5, Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.
- Jazz Techniques, ages 6-12, Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Hip-hop techniques, ages 13-17, Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Hip Hop Techniques 2, Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Registration for classes begins on Oct. 3, and will continue through Oct. 14.

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# Lack of racial tact angers editor

Over the past month, I've sat in numerous classrooms and watched countless hours of television commentaries illustrating the issues of race and depravity festering in the horrific aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Racial indifference has become, and always will be, a hot button issue—from Kanye West's blatant outburst during a hurricane relief broadcast to the thousand of images of African Americans being herded into stadiums only to be subjected to squalor and scarce resources.

And just when I thought the pot couldn't get any hotter, former Education Secretary William Bennett turned

the heat up just a little higher.

During his radio show "Bill Bennett's Morning in America," Bennett made one of the most racially insensitive and downright asinine statements I've heard in quite some time.

"But I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could—if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossible, ridiculous, and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down. So these far-out, these far-reaching,

extensive extrapolations are, I think, tricky," Bennett said.

That comment was addressed to a listener who argued that Social Security faces the danger of becoming obsolete because abortions have reduced the number of tax-paying citizens.

Bennett attempted to defend his comments—saying he was only illustrating a hypothesis presented in the book, "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner.

Regardless of his intent or the context, the remark was insensitive and morally reprehensible.

Freedom of speech is one thing, but spouting that garbage on the radio—in the midst of such a tragedy—is inconceivably ignorant and should not be tolerated.

To make matters worse, those remarks came from a man who was once responsible for the nation's educational system—someone who should know better than to make such crass, uneducated statements.

Hurricane Katrina has placed a microscope on issues of race and poverty that deserve thorough examination. Racism and poverty will always exist, and it's unfortunate that it took this tragic event to shed light on the conditions that affect the country's most vulnerable. It would be a grave disservice if we didn't examine these issues.

However, Bennett's comments have somewhat damaged those necessary evaluations, and have only added flames to the fire of racism that burn deeply within our nation.

## My Call



**Dominick Hadley**  
Community Editor

## Out of Bounds



**Cole Young**  
Editor in Chief

# Concert leaves nothing to be desired

Following Monday night's Chris Cagle concert, I can honestly say "job well done" to all of those involved.

In my four years at Northwest, this event ranks right up there with the time Tony Glover blocked a field goal to give Northwest a win over Pittsburg State.

It ranks up there with staying up all night studying for a test and getting at least a B on it.

Basically, the Student Activities Council nailed this concert.

Initially I was one of those people who was excited at the rumors of Gavin DeGraw coming to campus, but after hearing Cagle in Bearcat Arena Monday night, I couldn't imagine hearing anyone but him.

What Cagle brought to the stage was a passion no other performer has

brought to the stage in recent memory.

No, neither Coolio nor Tech9ne brought that type of passion to Northwest in their performances.

As I stood and watched Cagle breakdown in tears during one song, it was easy to see

the love he has for his career.

The thing Cagle said that stuck with me most was when he said: "No matter where you are, you never want to be there."

That statement couldn't ring more true for college students and I'll be the first one to admit it.

For the last semester all I've wanted to do was start applying to jobs and think about what I can do after college.

What Cagle said though helped remind me that if we don't make the most of our four (or five years) at college, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

To see a guy who has dealt with a larynx problem, alcoholism, lawsuits with

previous managers and now a paternity issue, overcome all of them should act as an inspiration to all of us.

The second thing that made the concert better than some in the past was a more relaxed atmosphere by everyone, including Campus Safety.

Before the concert officers were relaxed and visiting with students—not that they don't always—but it was refreshing to see everyone out just to enjoy the evening.

Hopefully plans are already in place for future concerts like Monday's through the Student Activity Fee.

The service the activity fee has already provided for students has made it worth it.

## MAILCALL

### Great job on the quality performances

Bryan VanOsdale, you out did yourself! "Blast" was truly a BLAST! Thanks for bringing quality performances to Northwest Missouri. Keep up the good work!

**Deb Powers**  
Maryville resident

### Instruction at Northwest attacked by 'The Stroller'

Dear Editor:

Who could resist responding to the Sept. 29 "Stroller" article? Our Man attacks the

quality of instruction at Northwest. He has a potentially good last line that is based on an aphorism: "Those can do, those that can't teach, and those that can't teach well apparently they teach, at Northwest." Gosh, I hate to sound like an English teacher (perish the thought!). However, this put down would be a good deal more effective if it were properly punctuated and made better sense. And let's see; what else? Oh yes.

"The anger of this type of situation almost led me to pour my Luke-warm cup of coffee down my front just so I could leave this waste of my time." Well, the "situation" isn't angry, right? I assume he means that the situation inspired anger. Maybe he means, "This situation made me so angry..."?

**Carroll Fry**  
Retired faculty member

Please mark your calendar for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, when the Maryville chapter of American Association of University Women hosts a Maryville Town Hall Meeting at the Maryville Community Center. Our panel of local experts will address problems, issues, and questions that are important in our daily lives. This panel will include Interim City Manager Matthew Unrein, Mayor Mike Thompson, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Luke, Public Safety Director Keith Wood, and Economic Development Director Lee Langerock. Dr. David

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## OURVIEW

# Communication would increase health fee support

Some claim it's not fair.

Others scoff they never use the service, while some didn't even know it existed.

The \$70 per trimester health fee added to University bills this trimester has been criticized by many students.

While we concede that the fee did catch most students off guard, the fee benefits the University as a whole, which students would discover upon five minutes of research or asking a few questions.

Information regarding the fee is available at the health center and a campus wide e-mail, sent out at the end of last trimester, informed students of the new fee and what it encompassed.

Assuming the health fee is completely new is another misconception students have. Students have always been paying for health services on campus, they have just been imbedded within tuition hikes each semester, Vice President of Student Affairs Kent Porterfield said. The University just decided to be up front about the fee and stop including it within the overall tuition cost.

Yet, students remain angered like always. Instead of taking the few minutes to find out, they instead seem to enjoy

incessant complaining.

Another word to students, even if the fee only covered the per visit fee to the health center, like many of you presumed, what's the harm in helping out the students who live without insurance every day and rely on the health center as their primary health care provider?

On the other hand, campus administrators are nearly as guilty. The University truly needs to look into providing an educational campaign to make students aware of what this fee includes. Posters kindly reminding students what their money is going towards or an educational seminar would be great places to start.

Although educational material is available across campus and students truly irritated with the fee should be able to take the time to seek out information, school officials should also know this isn't a reality for most students. They ought to provide increased education to ease the criticism stemming from this lack of communication.

We think that if students realized all of the wonderful things the health fee helps to provide, any reasonable student would support the fee, instead of harboring animosity.

So if you have questions about any facet of Maryville life ranging from quality of our water to police procedures to the impact of potential new businesses, be sure to attend this meeting.

We all have a stake in the future of Maryville—this will be your chance to hear from the experts and to exchange views. Don't miss this unique opportunity to have a real dialogue about matters which concern all of us.

For additional information, please call me at 660-562-3964.

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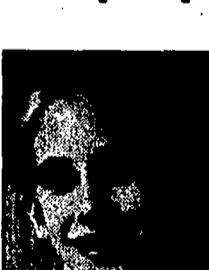
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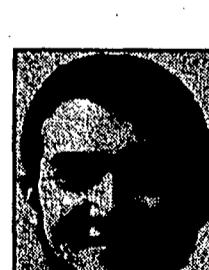
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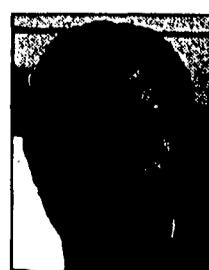
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

a.m.

**D. Meier**, 20, Maryville, possession of marijuana, MIP, recent exposure, resisting arrest, 400 block N. Buchanan.

a.m.

**E. Gockel**, 26, Maryville, failure to comply, 300 block W. Ninth.

a.m.

**G. Dill**, 22, Maryville, police disturbance, 500 block W. Ninth.

**L. Luckert**, 19, Maryville, police disturbance, 500 block W. Ninth.

**V. Flattery**, 20, Maryville, 500 block W. Ninth.

**L. Carey**, 19, Maryville, police disturbance, MIP, 500 block W. Ninth.

6 a.m. Stolen property, black case and contents, 1600 block Main

3 a.m. Stolen vehicle, red Dodge Ram, 100 block W. Thompson

4 a.m. **D. Kelmel**, 18, Maryville, larceny/stealing, MIP, 200 block Eighth.

5 a.m. Larceny, green boys bicycle, 300 block W. Eighth.

2 a.m. **E. Ross**, 36, Maryville, failure to appear, 300 block N. Main

1 a.m. **L. Poppa**, 31, Maryville, larceny/stealing, failure to appear, 200 block W. Ninth.

3 a.m. Larceny, scanner, 200 block S. Main

2 p.m. Stolen property, cellphone, 400 block W. Cooper

1 p.m. **D. Curley**, 19, Maryville, 400 block N. Buchanan

1 p.m. **J. Meyeckorth**, 20, Rockwood, Mo., MIP, 400 block N. Buchanan

1 a.m. **J. Matousek**, 21, Maryville, false police report, 500 block W. Ninth.

1 a.m. **J. Pflanz**, 20, Maryville, disorderly conduct, MIP, failure to comply, 400 block N. Buchanan

1 p.m. **R. Hevelone**, 46, Maryville, domestic assault, 600 block N. Fillmore

1 p.m. **L. Hevelone**, 32, Maryville, domestic assault, 600 block N. Fillmore

1 p.m. **M. Price**, 31, Ravenwood, improper registration, US 71 South Avenue

1 a.m. **C. Wilson**, 20, Maryville, 200 block W. Third

1 p.m. Larceny, sports equipment, 200 block E. Thompson

## 9 a.m.

Tampering with a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 1500 block S. Munn.

## 10:29 a.m.

**Brian P. Constable**, 27, Maryville, third degree domestic assault, wanted on warrant, probation violation, 1000 block N. Walnut.

## 11:11 p.m.

Disorderly conduct, violator referred to juvenile officer, 1500 block S. Munn.

## 9:6

Reported burglary, vacant farmhouse near Maryville.

## 9:11

Pickering, Mo. resident reported theft from vehicle.

## 9:7

Sheridan, Mo. resident reported tampering of vehicle in parking lot of workplace.

## 9:8

**Matthew S. Womeldorf**, 29, Tarkio, Mo., arrested on Holt County warrant for FTA.

## 9:9

**Christopher H. Smith**, 33, Maryville, arrested on Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

## 9:11

**Holly R. Sunderman**, 29, Clarinda, Iowa, arrested for driving while intoxicated. Released on summonses after mandatory detox.

## 9:12

**Anthony L. Jacobi**, 18, Maryville, arrested on Nodaway County warrant for FTA.

## 9:13

Maryville resident reported theft from business located at home residence.

## 9:14

**Robert J. Clark**, 29, St. Joseph, Mo., arrested on Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

## 9:15

**Dawn D. Muncy**, 28, Bakersfield, arrested on Nodaway County warrant for traffic violations.

## 9:16

Maryville resident reported assault in Barnard, Mo.

## 9:18

**Nicholas C. Gray**, 23, Emerson, Iowa, driving while intoxicated. Released on summonses after mandatory detox.

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Pickering subject reported assault in Hopkins, Mo.

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Burlington Jct. resident reported burglary to residence.

## 9:23

Skidmore resident reported internet fraud.

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**Todd J. McClain**, 32, Maryville, arrested on Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

## 9:25

**Rickey B. Evans**, 37, Cave Springs, Ark., arrested on Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

## 9:26

**Aubrey Jane Munns**, Kim Bodle and Richard Munns, Ravenwood, Mo., are the parents of Aubrey Jane Munns, born Sept. 30, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

## 9:27

She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and joins six siblings, Anthony, Morgan, Jake, Aeriel, Kelton and Brayden.

## 9:28

Her Grandparents are Mary Bodle and Lavona Munns, both of Ravenwood.

**Roger D. Burson**, 46, Graham, Mo., arrested on Holt County warrant

**Bradley D. Cole**, 43, Fillmore, Mo., driving while intoxicated.

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## Hair cut for victims



PHOTO BY TESSA STEWART / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**HAIR STYLIST** Michelle George cuts breast cancer survivor Sue Davis' hair at Smart Cuts on Saturday afternoon. Smart Cuts was raising money to donate to Breast Cancer Awareness funds.

### Local salon offers haircuts for breast cancer

By Jessica Swartz

Staff Writer

A Maryville salon wielded the tools of their trade Saturday as they sought to make a difference in the lives of women – and their families – across the country.

Smart Style, located in the Wal-Mart Super Center, held their annual fundraiser, Clips For Cure, last weekend.

The fundraiser was part of a nationwide campaign initiated by the salon's parent company, Regis Corporation.

Regis Corp holds this fundraiser every year in each

of their salons.

"The story (behind the fundraiser) is that someone in Regis Corp. lost someone they love to cancer," said Jason Barbosa, employee of Smart Styles. "You could say that it's a personal charity."

According to Smart Style Manager Tina Spurgin, the event brought out a wide array of customers.

Stylists charged patrons \$10 for a haircut with all proceeds donated to breast cancer research. In addition, the fund receives 10 percent of the profit from the sale of each Regis hair product through Oct. 15.

"I had one gentleman make the comment that he usually cuts his hair himself, but he had his hair cut here today because of (Clips For Cure)," Spurgin said.

The event also held personal meaning for Spurgin and Barbosa.

The stylist, who donates regularly to cancer research, lost her father to lung cancer. Her sister-in-law currently battles breast cancer.

Barbosa had a similar story to tell concerning his child's mother. It's been almost three years since lung cancer took her from their lives.

Out of the 38 customers visiting Smart Style on Saturday, between 12 and 15 people donated to the charity. The salon was able to raise \$143 dollars through donations for haircuts and the pink Cuts For Cure wristbands they had for sale.

"I think it went well," Spurgin said. "... I appreciated everyone that helped us."

### A look around the world

From the Associated Press

### New look for nickel coming

By Martin Crutsinger

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After nearly 100 years of depicting presidents in somber profiles on the nation's coins, the Mint is trying something different: The new nickel features Thomas Jefferson, facing forward, with the hint of a smile.

"It isn't a silly smile or a smirk, but a sense of optimism that I was trying to convey with the expression,"

says Jamie Franki, an associate professor of art at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. His drawing was chosen out of 147 entries.

In unveiling the design Tuesday, Mint officials said they believed the new image of Jefferson was an appropriate way to commemorate his support for expanding the country through the Louisiana Purchase and sending Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the

territory in 1804-05.

"The image of a forward-looking Jefferson is a fitting tribute to that vision," said David Lebryk, the acting director of the Mint.

For the past two years, the Mint has changed the design of the nickel every six months to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition, both of which occurred during Jefferson's administration.

### Second offensive of week launched

sweeping into three towns to take them back from insurgents who had killed Marines there last month.

The U.S. military announced its first casualties of the offensives, with four troops killed by roadside bombs during the

fighting and a fifth elsewhere.

The assaults in western Iraq aim to put down al-Qaida in Iraq insurgent groups that have waged a campaign of violence aimed at wrecking a crucial Oct. 15 national vote on a new constitution.

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## OUST: Council petitioned to ban alcohol

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from visiting with their children and grandchildren, according to Parks and Recreation Director Rod Auxier.

"Alcohol has generated several problems in the parks, specifically around sporting events," Auxier said. "We've had problems with people getting extremely vocal, going after umpires, and usually it's attributed to alcohol."

Not everyone believes the parks are out of control.

Maryville resident Michelle Vaught has two daughters that frequent the parks.

Vaught said she hasn't experienced any major problems, and is not sure whether a complete ban is necessary.

"I'm kind of mixed about it," Vaught said. "If people are doing it responsibly then I think it's okay. It's when they get out of hand, using

profanity and fighting then (it becomes a problem.)"

A&G's Bar and Grill owner George Groumoutis shares Vaught's sentiments.

Groumoutis participated in a volleyball tournament with Applebee's nearly a month ago, at which alcohol was served without getting out of hand.

Nevertheless, he sympathizes with residents who live in close proximity to the parks.

"I don't think it is right.

These are parks and we can have fun," Groumoutis said.

"But if the park is close to residents I'm going to support it. I have kids too."

However, residents like Bill Davis believe the ordinance is absolutely unnecessary.

Davis, an Applebee's Bar and Grill manager, believes the ordinance would unfairly prohibit people from enjoying public property, he said.

"If they're in the park,

people have a right to go out (and enjoy themselves)," Davis said. "There aren't people actually living in the parks so I don't see how residents or a neighborhood would be affected."

Despite the debate and concern surrounding the issue, Auxier is confident the ordinance will restore the park's family atmosphere.

The board contacted 16 communities—one which didn't have an ordinance—and they believe prohibiting alcohol use would be a step in the positive direction.

"The complaints that we've gotten are people don't take their kids or their grandchildren to parks anymore because of the behavior of certain individuals," Auxier said. "People should feel free and comfortable taking their children to the park and if there's a problem with that because of alcohol we'll see if we can take steps to eliminate that."

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## FEE: New fee provides services

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to cover the cost of Band-Aids at the health center," she said. "It's for a full health service."

Other services the fee covers are safety and training of Freshman Seminar peer advisors, training for Safe Ride employees and Student Ambassadors, all SOAR summer orientation sessions and advisement for student groups, in addition to many others.

Health services used to be covered within annual tuition increases, but the amount generated failed to meet campus health service needs, Porterfield said.

A pre-determined amount of state funds was never allocated for the health center and heightened costs within every department forced the University to cut corners, Murr said.

"We had to determine what items were significant enough to warrant a fee," Porterfield said. "Some students may not benefit as much as others from the health fee; but, overall, we felt it benefits the common good."

## De Klerk: Don't ignore Africa

By Ashley Bally  
University Editor

Former South African President F. W. de Klerk brought a message of consequence Wednesday night in front of a large crowd at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

De Klerk's speech centered around the topic of globalization and the potential economic threats of allowing Africa to fall behind.

"I will be emphasizing the fact that the developing world cannot turn their back on Africa," de Klerk said. "The whole continent cannot be allowed to fall further and further behind. Somewhere there will be a backlash."

As a nation de Klerk encouraged all Americans and Northwest students to maintain an active relationship with the global community and prevent the nation from falling into a state of isolationism.

"The states cannot isolate itself from what is happening in the rest of the world," he said. "All populations are becoming more and more heterogeneous and therefore the problems of Africa at the moment are being exported to Europe and to many other parts of the world."

De Klerk served as President from 1989 until Nelson Mandela's inauguration in 1994.

During his time in office, de Klerk worked at creating and adopting South Africa's first fully functional democratic constitution, in 1994. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to de Klerk and Mandela that same year.

## HELP: Students beautify town

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helped and finished required service hours for their organizations. Other students came out just for the experience.

"It was really cool to see how much we accomplished," senior Kimberly Medick said. "It was really nice to go out there and do something for the community."

When the event finished Saturday, three Maryville houses had clean gutters, a fresh coat of paint and a new look.

## LARGE: Annual powwow attracts large number of spectators

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The festivities began at noon with one of two ceremonious grand entries into the arena led by the color guard from the Haskell Warriors Society, representing Native American military veterans.

Following the entry was the Flag Song, the Native American equivalent to the National Anthem, performed by the Southern Drum Host, Running Horse.

Next, the Northern Drum Host, Little Soldiers, performed the Victory Song in honor of the Native Ameri-

cans currently serving in the military.

The Powwow faced a couple of last minute program changes. The Head Man Dancer Cory Spotted Bear, who was scheduled to represent all of the male dancers, contracted the West Nile Virus and was replaced by Steve Baynton. The Head Lady Dancer, Dustina Abrahamson, was involved in a car accident and was replaced by Emily Blackdeer.

King encouraged the crowd to keep Spotted Bear and Abrahamson in their thoughts.

"Give them your blessings

in their time of tragedy," he said.

Badger and Karen Wahwasuck of Mayetta, Kan., and the Potowatami tribe were first-time participants in the Powwow. They competed in Men's Traditional Golden Age and Women's Buckskin, respectively, and both won second place awards.

Karen said she and her husband put in a staggering amount of preparation time for all of the Powwows they attend.

"We have Powwows nearly every weekend of the year," she said. "We prepare and prepare and prepare every week."

Badger said that he enjoys the social aspect of the Powwows.

"(I enjoy) being with my friends every weekend and keeping a culture alive that's been around forever."

Badger said there is a connection between Powwows like that of Northwest's and the strength of the Native American culture.

"The Native Americans have the strongest nationality in America," he said. "And the reason for that is the fact that we have these gatherings all the time."



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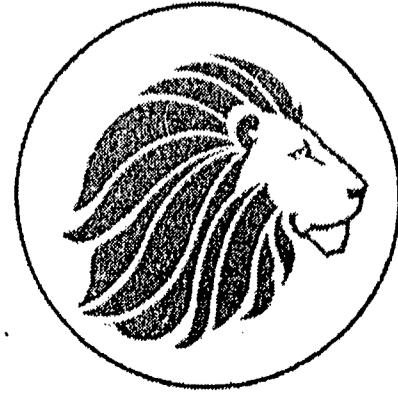
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**JARED MEYERKORTH** tries to elude a Missouri Southern defender earlier this season. Meyerkorth and the rest of the Northwest offense are looking to get back on track after scoring just 14 points against Emporia State last weekend. The Bearcats face Washburn this weekend at Bearcat Stadium.

## Hounds hope for rebound

Brendan Kelley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Maryville Spoofhounds find themselves with their backs against the wall as they prepare to travel to St. Joseph Friday to face off against the Lafayette Fighting Irish.

The 'Hounds dropped to 1-3 on the season after a loss to Harrisonville last Friday and are now looking to Friday night as their opportunity to turn the season around.

"This is a turning point," Coach Paul Miller said. "We have an opportunity to go out and finally get ourselves moving in the right direction."

The defense had been the one constant for the 'Hounds this season, but they surrendered 42 points against Harrisonville.

"In the first half we did alright," senior Ben McKim said. "It seemed like when we came back out we didn't believe that we could come back and they scored on their opening drive."

The offense's struggles continued against Harrisonville. The 'Hounds are trying a different approach this week, after totaling seven points last week.

"We're going to do some different things, some fun things on offense this week," Miller said. "We're trying to create a spark and get the win."

The 'Hounds have not really hurt themselves with penalties this season they have just struggled moving the ball.

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PHOTO BY COURTESY OF ROYAL PETERSON

**ROYAL PETERSON** gets interviewed during his appearance on ESPN last Saturday. Peterson competed on "Schooled by Denny Brauer."

## Alumnus casts against the best

Dennis Sharkey  
Staff Reporter

Most people don't get to live their dreams, but Northwest Alumnus Royal Peterson got to live his Saturday. Peterson was a finalist on ESPN's "Schooled by Denny Brauer," hosted by the former Bassmaster champion. The finals aired Saturday morning with Peterson not being quite enough to win the championship. Peterson said making it to the top let alone the finals, is an astonishing achievement with more than 1500 applicants.

"It's a dream come true to fish at that level and in that kind of setting," Peterson said. "I remember getting the call from the ESPN producer, and I just thought, 'oh my gosh.'"

Peterson grew up in Sheraton Iowa and attended Wallace Junior College in Forest City, Iowa where he played football. Peterson's father ran a bait shop for 30 years and fishing was a part of his and his family's life.

Peterson was looking for a school to transfer to and continue playing football. He said other universities were looking at him, but after a visit to Maryville, Peterson decided it was the right place for him.

"I had some friends already down in the area and I already knew someone on the team," Peterson said. "I came down and it felt really good and it was a good fit."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in education in 1991, Peterson said he was in limbo after graduation and not sure what to do next with his life.

see CASTS on B3

## Washburn riding emotional win

By Cole Young  
Editor in Chief

Last season Northwest and Washburn entered a mid-September matchup filled with hype.

In one corner was the Bearcats, the perennial conference power. In the other, the Ichabods, the unproven up and coming team in the MIAA.

Northwest throttled Washburn 49-21 last season after building a 35-14 halftime lead.

A year later, the 'Cats are still a power in the MIAA, but Washburn has now proven their worth as a member of the top tier of MIAA teams with a victory over Pittsburg State last weekend.

Washburn, 5-1 (3-0 MIAA), brings a potent offense to their 1 p.m.

### Conference lead on the line

Northwest vs. Washburn  
1 p.m. Saturday  
Bearcat Stadium

matchup Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

Their offense attack is led by junior running back Trent Hearn, who has rushed for 568 yards this season including 162 against Pittsburg State last weekend.

Hearn, the reigning MIAA Player of the Week, accounted for all 25 yards Washburn had in overtime of their 35-34 win over Pitt State Saturday.

"They are a very good team,"

Coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Overall they have just improved both maturity wise and skill wise from last season."

Tjeerdsma said every aspect of their team including special teams is something to be concerned with.

Washburn has three returns for touchdowns this season.

While the Ichabod offense is performing like a well-oiled machine, the Northwest offense began to

see POSE on B2

# D2 LOG ON

### Inside the site

Started in 2000 by Brandon Misener and Jeff Whitten the web site allows fans to find information on their favorite Division II football teams.

Articles from local papers are on the site but columns by four regional writers also provide coverage.

The site puts out its own top 25 poll each week and names athletes of the week.

Misener, the sole owner now, said the site receives about 20,000 hits a day during the football season.

The message board function on the site often hosts heated discussion.

"I check on it once in awhile, I try to stay off the message board, I think for a coach to start reading what's on there is dangerous, so I just stay away from that."

Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDON MISENER

**THE ORIGINAL STAFF** of Bearcat Update gathers for a picture in 1994. Brandon Misener, center, would later go on to start D2football.com, which has gained national notoriety for its coverage of Division II football.

### Nationally known football website has roots at Northwest

By Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

Brandon Misener could never leave Northwest football.

Even after he graduated in 1996, Misener still came back every weekend for the home games from his job in Kansas City, Mo.

While Misener was in Kansas City he tried to look for information on Northwest and other Division II teams but he found nothing.

By 1998 Misener had enough with the lack of information and wanted to find out more.

"I basically said this isn't enough," Misener said.

At first Misener communicated information with other Division II football fanatics by joining a Division II football related egroup, that allowed fans to voice their opinions to each other through email.

Through the group he met Jeff Whitten, who designed web sites.

In 2000 Misener shared his idea of a possible Division II football web site with Whitten. Once Whitten saw the original idea the two decided to run with it.

"I (designed) it with that crappy program that came with the computer, paint, and I had drawn a web site and I said 'Hey, take a look at this' ... and he said 'let's build it' and we did," Misener said.

In 2000 D2football.com began allowing fans to interact with other fans and to get more information on their favorite Division II teams.

"It kind of started out as a way to publicize D-II football and then it became more of what I thought it would be," Misener said.

Six years later D2football.com

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### Misener started with "Update"

By Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

During every loss of the 1994 Northwest football season, Brandon Misener was there.

When Mel Tjeerdsma took over the reins in 1994 as football coach and started a Northwest tradition, Misener was beginning one of his own.

Misener, a 1996 graduate of Northwest, began Bearcat Update in the fall of 1994, a program that has now become an anchor tenant on KNWT Channel 8.

Not only did Misener begin the program that year but he also called the games on the radio at home games and took footage of the away games.

"I was absolutely worn out after the end of that season just from covering it, I can't imagine what it was like to coach and play in it, I was absolutely bushed," Misener said.

The season, however, didn't stop Misener as he continued on with it the following year until he graduated in the spring of 1996. He not only covered the football team but his coverage expanded also to the other sports after football season was over.

"I always appreciated his interest in our program, really the depth of

his knowledge of, not just in our program, but all of football, especially D-II," Tjeerdsma said.

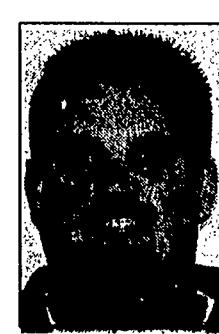
"He really knows a lot about what's going on in Division II and he really works at, I have a lot of respect for his opinions and his insight."

Though Misener spent a lot of time on the show and on the radio, time he could have been hanging out with friends, he thinks the effort he put in student media helped for the future.

"At the same time I think it helps you develop a work ethic," Misener said. "There's nothing that really prepares you for the real world like the real world but being busy with student media certainly helps. You go out and you're going to because you tried to kick some rear end at Northwest and really put out a good effort."

Those that took over the show

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Brandon Misener  
d2football.com Editor

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**MIAA Schedule****Who's where this week?**

**Saturday Oct. 8**  
Washburn @  
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Missouri Southern @  
Missouri Western 2 p.m.  
Oklahoma Panhandle @  
Pittsburg St. 2 p.m.  
Central Missouri @  
Southwest Baptist 1:30 p.m.  
Emporia State @  
Truman State 2 p.m.

**MIAA Scores From last week**

Missouri Western 13  
Central 10  
**SW Baptist 40**  
Rolla 38  
**Northwest 14**  
Emporia State 0  
**Washburn 35**  
Pittsburg State 34  
**Southern 41**  
Truman 17

**571**

The number of yards the Bearcats have racked up in penalties this year from a total of 59 penalties.

**12**

The number of passing touchdowns quarterback Josh Lamberson has thrown this season.

**23**

The number of days until the Bearcats meet Pittsburg State in the Fall Classic IV.

**Polling Place****AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll**

1. Grand Valley St. (16)
2. North Dakota (5)
3. Valdosta St.
4. Saginaw Valley St.
5. South Dakota
5. Northwest Missouri\*
7. Arkansas Tech
8. Texas A&M-Kingsville
9. Michigan Tech
10. Bloomsburg
11. Carson Newman
12. Albany St.
13. Nebraska-Omaha
14. East Stroudsburg
15. Northwood
16. West Texas A&M
17. Edinboro
18. St. Cloud State
19. Tuskegee
20. Pittsburg St.\*
21. Shepherd
22. North Alabama
23. Presbyterian
24. Tarleton St.
25. Washburn

\* indicates conference teams

**TALE OF THE TAPE****Who holds the advantage****When Washburn Runs**

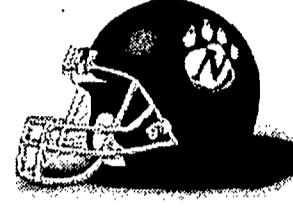
Trent Hearn comes off a game in which he rushed for 162 yards and three touchdowns against No. 4 Pittsburg State. However, he only had four touchdowns before that game. Hearn has not faced the defensive line of Northwest, however. Though the Bearcats are allowing 117 rushing yards a game Steve Williams is back from injury and the defensive line is one of the most feared in the nation.

**When Northwest Runs**

Xavier Omon is due. Since his big game against Omaha, he has been held quiet due to injury and last week he faced poor weather conditions. Omon is only averaging 87 yards on the ground but the Ichabods are allowing 151 rushing yards per game. Omon is itching to explode again and this just might be the game.

**When Washburn Passes**

The Ichabods only passed for 219 yards last week against Pittsburg State. They threw the ball away three times. The Northwest defense picked the ball off three times last week. They are only allowing 166.8 passing yards per game. Even with cornerback Brandon Clayton listed as questionable, the 'Cats still could be okay if the defense continues they way it does.

**When Northwest Passes**

Josh Lamberson has only thrown the ball away three times and threw for just 212 yards Saturday. Lamberson mainly finds Andre Rector when he needs a big gain. If the Ichabods can shut down Rector and Lamberson then it could be interesting. The Ichabod defense is allowing 243 yards per game and shut down Andy Majors last week as he turned the ball over twice.

**MIAA Standings**

1. Northwest 5-1 (4-0)
2. Washburn 5-1 (3-0)
3. Pittsburg State 4-2 (3-1)
4. Mo. Western 2-2 (4-2)
5. Mo. Southern 2-2 (3-3)
6. CMSU 3-2 (1-2)
7. Emporia St. 2-3 (1-2)
8. Southwest Baptist 2-4 (0-3)
9. Truman State 1-5 (0-4)

By Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

The weather was a hint. Northwest's last road game against Emporia State wasn't going to be pretty.

The No. 7 Bearcats (5-1, 4-0) picked up their fourth straight victory at Emporia, 14-0, as they dealt with cloudy skies and some rain. Northwest held on to win despite only 212 yards of total offense and being penalized 13 times for 144 yards.

"I wasn't very happy (after the game), but I was really pleased with our defensive effort," Northwest Coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We didn't play well in some other phases of the game but that's all part of it. You take the good with the bad and you enjoy the victory."

The defense created six turnovers and shutout an opponent for the second time this season, the first time they have done that in a season since 1984.

Defensive tackle Steve Williams played for the first time since Sept. 3 and chipped in with 10 tackles.

"He really did a great job," Tjeerdsma said. "The thing that he is good at is moving laterally — sideline-to-sideline. It was really good to see him back."

The 'Cats picked the ball off three times and only allowed 108 passing yards. Northwest shut down Emporia wide receiver J.J. Richards, who did not have a reception. This was the first time in 31 games that Richards did not have a catch.

Emporia entered the red zone three times in the second half but couldn't punch the ball in as they turned the ball over three times, once on downs at the two-yard line.

Linebacker Ben Harness also had a big day as he added nine tackles and intercepted a pass.

"(Defensive coordinator Scott) Bostwick was making some good calls, we were running some different stuff he kept changing it up," Harness said.

However, three times during a drive in the second half Northwest was faced with third and long and three times Lamberson found wide receiver



Andre Rector for 76 yards. The last completion coming on third and 18 that Rector turned into a touchdown.

"I was just running my routes to the right dip and (Lamberson) would find me at all times," Rector said. "Like on third down situations you always want to get to the stick so you get that first down. He found me and I was able to create something."

Another thing that the 'Cats will try to improve on next week is the penalties. For the second straight week the 'Cats were penalized for over 100 yards. For the season Northwest has been penalized 59 times for 571 yards, averaging 95.2 yards per game.

"If you can figure something out (to stop it) I'm wide open to it," Tjeerdsma said. "I'm frustrated with it, I think they're frustrated with it, but it really boils down to is that some of them have to understand the situation and make better judgments than what they do."

**Cats escape with victory****Seniors recognized for individual talent****Media Relations**

Seniors Josh Lamberson (Wilber, Neb.) and Steve Williams (Bolingbrook, Ill.) were recognized recently on a national level.

Lamberson is one of 184 semifinalists for the 2005 Draddy Trophy, which is considered the "Academic" Heisman for college football's most prestigious academic honor.

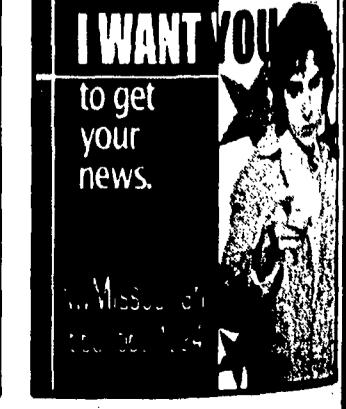
Williams accepted an early invitation to participate in the Las Vegas All-American

Classic, an all-star game for some of college football's finest senior players across the country.

Announced Tuesday by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF), Lamberson is included in a group of athletes from NCAA Divisions I-A, I-AA, II, III and NAIA. The award goes to a senior or graduate student-athlete in their final year of eligibility with at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. This person must have outstanding football ability

as a first-team player and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. The award comes with a 24-inch, 25-pound bronze trophy and a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Lamberson has come back from last season's injury and tossed for 1,321 passing yards and 12 touchdowns against only three interceptions. Currently, he is listed on six career records including 80 yards away from becoming the fourth Northwest passer with over 5,000 yards.

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**POSE: 'Bods present challenge for Bearcats**

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sputter a bit against Emporia State.

Northwest accumulated just 212 total yards and scored only 14 points, their lowest offensive output of the season.

Quarterback Josh Lamberson knows that has to change in order for Northwest to be successful for the remainder of the season.

"Lately, we've been saying we just have been sawing wood," Lamberson said. "It seems like we just have been scoring enough points to get the win."

With the 'Cats still facing Central Missouri State and Pittsburg State this season, Tjeerdsma said it's time for the offense to find a groove.

"They are so close," Tjeerdsma said. "Right now they just need to get into the flow of things."

Before last Saturday, the last time Northwest scored less than 17 points was Sept. 6, 2003, when they were shut out against South Dakota State.

Northwest should nearly be at full health this weekend.

According to Tjeerdsma, aside from a few nagging injuries and Brandon Clayton, who was injured last week against Emporia State, the squad should be healthy.

# Bearcats ward off loss on road trip

James Evans  
Staff Writer

The Northwest soccer team was all over the midwest this weekend in two emotionally and physically draining games. First, south to Missouri Western, then a whirlwind trip north to Augustana in South Dakota.

The team couldn't manage a win but staved off two losses with a 1-1 tie against the Griffons Saturday. A 2-0 loss followed Sunday in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Bearcats' trip to St. Joe set the tone for what would be an exhausting weekend.

"It was probably the most physical game we've had this season. We got beat up quite a bit," defender Amy Jackson said.

The physicality of the game led to the 'Cats only point. Midfielder Sarah Hobson was fouled in the box setting up a penalty kick by Katie Flower. The goal didn't come easily.

"The ref blew the whistle and I thought I was supposed to shoot, but he had blown it to yell at the other coach so I had to reshoot it," Flower said.

After making the first shot Flower was forced to take another. This time the goalie knew exactly where the shot

was going. Flower nailed it anyway, sending the game to overtime. That period was followed by another, the team's sixth overtime in nine games.

The 'Cats hit the road again early Sunday morning for a one-day trek to Augustana. Presumably tired, the team fell 2-0.

"I know that all my teammates were very tired and worn out," Jackson said, "No one likes a long bus ride... So, riding up there, playing a tough game, and having to ride back was pretty tough, especially after the game that we had on Saturday."

The loss was the 'Cats' fourth shut out of the year. Marty Trummer, Hobson, and Flower combined for eight shots, but none snuck in.

"We hit the crossbar three times on Sunday and they were beautiful shots. Could the game change if those shots just went a little bit under? Yeah," Coach Tracy Cross said.

The team travels to Truman State and then has a five-game home stretch starting against Missouri Southern at 2 p.m. on Oct. 15. They will be ready to put this weekend behind them.

"It was very straining on our bodies and I never want to have a weekend like that again," Jackson said.



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RACHEL SPENSLEY (10) AND LAUREN CUMMINGS (9) attempt to block a spiked ball for the Bearcats against a Missouri Southern player on Saturday night. The 'Cats lost 3-2 against Missouri Southern.

## Omaha silences spikers on 'Cats court

By Cali Arnold  
Staff Writer

The Northwest volleyball team brought their game with them on Greek Night Tuesday, but couldn't pull out the win against the University of Nebraska at Omaha. They dropped the match 3-0.

Serving errors cost both teams considerably, with the 'Cats committing 12 to the Mavericks' 11. Northwest Head Coach Lori Slight did not mind the mishaps.

"You're going to get that any time you serve aggressively," Slight said. "You

have to give and take on the errors."

The first match proved an exciting one, with neither team gaining more than a five-point lead. Late serving errors created a 30-30 tie, but the Mavericks turned a side out into two points to win the first game 32-30.

UNO took an early lead in the second game to force the 'Cats to come back from being down by three. Northwest tied the game six times, including a late game comeback at 23-23, but couldn't pull out the win, dropping the second game of the night

30-26.

"We try to work on finishing in practice," middle hitter MacKenzie Heston said. "We just haven't been able to finish."

The third game again showed Northwest ahead early, but five service errors enabled UNO to come back and take the game 30-28. Losing the match caused the 'Cats to drop to 9-12 overall and stay at 2-6 in the conference.

"We've tried different things every night to try and get them coming out and going," Slight said. "You

never know who's going to show up on what night."

Lauren Cummings and Heston each tallied 10 digs on the night. Setters Molly Hankins and Katie Stilwell posted 17 and 16 assists respectively. Sarah Trowbridge and Rachel Spensley each recorded double-digit digs with 10, and Cummings and Spensley each had three blocks.

Northwest is back in action again on Saturday and Sunday in Arkansas at the Henderson State Classic. They will be playing in Bearcat Arena at 7 p.m. on October 14 against Washburn.

## MISENER: Grad receives start on Bearcat Update

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after Misener appreciated his hard work and his insight.

"My connection and communication with him has made it amazing because we can communicate and we can brainstorm and come up with ideas," current producer Steve Serrano said.

Serrano said that he talks to Misener constantly and asks him for advice on the show. He said that the cur-

rent cast of Bearcat Update doesn't compete to be better than Misener's but instead they help each other.

Rod Barr first met Misener in 1997 standing outside a game at Pittsburg State, waiting for tickets. Barr, the president of the booster club, now helps Misener with Bearcatblitz.com. Barr said that Misener's dedication to all the things he has created, Bearcat Update, D2football.

com and Bearcatblitz.com, doesn't take away from his personality.

"He's a lot of fun, got a great heart and he's friend, a true friend, a family friend," said Rod Barr, president of the booster club. "He lives for football season, he really does. He's an ultimate football fan of D2football along with the Bearcats."

Misener's creativity has continued with D2football.com and Tjeerdsma believes

that Misener is so successful in what he does because of the way he interacts with people.

"I think he's a very conscientious person, he wants to do things right and he doesn't want to hurt anybody's feelings, which is sometimes a concern when you're in that type of business," Tjeerdsma said. "I think he just has a genuine interest in people and then especially the players and coaches."

## CASTS: Peterson gets a shot

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He ended up staying in Maryville as a graduate assistant and got his master's degree in education. Peterson taught two classes while he was a graduate student.

He instructed jogging but teaching a fly and bait casting class is what really caught his attention. He also got to attend fishing clinics and got to meet professional fishermen. Even though he had been fishing in tournaments since he was 16-year-old, he credits his interest in tournament fishing to the experience.

"It help jump start me into tournament fishing," Peterson said. "Being a professional fisherman was something I

always dreamed about."

Peterson said the exposure he received from the show could possibly lead to fishing professionally. He is not sure what prospects he has but his current sponsor was impressed by the championship appearance. Peterson said the show will air up to 30 more times.

"I don't know what kind of prospects I have," Peterson said. "With all the reruns it will be good publicity, but it will definitely be something to put on my resume in hunting for sponsors."

Peterson is currently the vice principal at Knob Noster High School and is married to his wife Jill, a 1993 graduate of Northwest.

## Freshman leads runners

Media Relations

race in 19:08, her fourth top finish for the Bearcats this season. Sophomore Karah Spader (York, Neb.) finished 47th with 19:53, and senior Heather Brokaw (Lake St. Louis, Mo.) rounded out the top-50 with a time of 19:54. Maggie McManigal (Colorado Springs, Colo.) finished 68th of 310 runners.

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## Offense sputters against foe

By Brendan Kelley  
Asst. Sports Editor

The return of Chuck Lleras to Maryville was fairly uneventful as the Harrisonville Wildcats silenced the Spoofhounds 42-7 at the 'Hound Pound on Friday.

Lleras coached the 'Hounds for more than 10 years before leaving Maryville in 2000. He returned to see his Harrisonville defense hold the 'Hounds to just one score the entire evening.

"I thought it was going to be a good game, but we kind of gave up at the end," freshman Adam Mattson said. "We picked it up on defense, but we have to do that the whole game."

Harrisonville didn't waste much time scoring, punching the ball into the end zone with 8:47 left in the first quarter on a 16-yard touchdown run by Sean Ransburg.

Maryville failed to earn a first down in the first quarter and the score at the beginning of the second quarter was 14-0.

The 'Hounds struggled for most of the second quarter, until Mattson caught a short pass from quarterback Kevin Schluter and danced his way around defenders into the end zone for a 71-yard score with 28 seconds remaining in the first half.

It appeared as though Mattson might be changing the 'Hounds luck on his own as he followed the touchdown run with a fumble recovery on the kickoff, but Harrisonville put an end to any momentum the 'Hounds might have gained by picking off a Schluter pass.

"I had awesome blocking, no one touched me," Mattson said. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time on the kickoff."

The Wildcats led 28-7 going into the break.

Harrisonville returned to the field and scored on their first drive of the second half with a 27-yard touchdown pass to Luke Gassman, putting the Wildcats up by 28.

The third quarter ended with Harrisonville leading 42-7. There would be no scoring by either side in the fourth quarter, giving the



PHOTO BY TREVOR HAYES / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

**MARYVILLE QUARTERBACK KEVIN SCHLUTER** throws an interception against Harrisonville Friday night. The Spoofhounds didn't get much going offensively as the Wildcats won 42-7.

Wildcats the victory.

Even though the offense only had one score, Coach Paul Miller feels that they did show some improvements and are headed in the right direction.

"I thought we had some improvement tonight," he said. "Not enough, but we did see some. We just have to go back to the drawing board and keep working at it."

Friday was the first time since the Cameron game that the 'Hounds defense gave up a large amount of points.

"At times we played real well," Miller said. "But, at other times we gave up too

many big plays."

The 'Hounds had only committed two turnovers in the first three games, but they turned the ball over three times against the Wildcats.

"You can't commit three turnovers in a game and expect to win," Miller said.

With the loss to the Harrisonville the 'Hounds now sit at 1-3 for the season and find themselves needing to figure out a way to turn their season around.

"It doesn't get any easier for us," Miller said. "We have to stay motivated and not let up. We cannot have a defeated attitude."

## Spikers grab wins from Jays

By Jessica Nelson  
Staff Writer

The Maryville volleyball team won two close games at home against Rock Port, improving to 11-9 on the year. The 'Hounds won the first game 25-20 and the second 25-20.

"The games were closer

than I would have liked them to be," coach Stephanie Suntken said.

The 'Hounds were lead in kills by Kim Wolfer with seven. Wolfer and Missy Barnes also had blocks during the game. Katie Wilmes contributed 10 digs on the evening and Sarah Scheffe had 16 assists during the game.

"It was the first game we had used a libero (backrow specialist), and I thought the girls responded well," Suntken said.

The 'Hounds play next at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6 at home against Benton High School. They host the 'Hound Invitational Tournament Oct. 8 with five other teams attending.

## Missouri Prep Football Rankings

The Missouri state high school football rankings are compiled by sportswriters of AP member newspapers across the state.

The school's name is followed by first place votes in parentheses and the record.

### CLASS 5

1. Raymore-Peculiar (10) 5-0  
2. Webster Groves 4-0  
3. Kickapoo 4-1  
4. Parkway Central 5-0  
5. Eureka 4-1  
Dropped out: McCluer North, Belton  
Others receiving votes: McCluer North  
3-2, 3, Belton 3-2, 1, Glendale 4-1, 1,  
Hazelwood West 4-1, 1, Park Hill South  
4-1, 1

### CLASS 4

1. Camdenton (10) 5-0  
2. Webb City 5-0  
3. Farmington 4-1  
4. Ozark 5-0  
5. Hannibal 5-0  
6. North County 4-1  
7. Clayton 4-1  
8. Grandview 3-2  
9. St. Charles West 4-1  
10. Affton 4-1  
Dropped out: Lee's Summit West, Benton  
Others receiving votes: Lee's Summit West  
(3-2) 9, Nixa (4-1) 5, Benton (2-2) 3, De  
Soto (4-1) 2, Kearney (3-2) 2

### CLASS 3

1. Platte County (10) 5-0  
2. John Burroughs 4-0  
3. Salem 4-0  
4. Lutheran North 4-1  
5. Cassville 5-0  
6. Odessa 5-0  
7. MICDS 5-0  
8. Herculaneum 4-1  
9. Bolivar 5-0  
10. Ste. Genevieve 4-1  
Dropped out: none  
Others receiving votes: Harrisonville (4-1)  
35, Oak Grove (5-0) 7, Grain Valley (4-1)  
3, Potosi (4-1) 2, New Madrid County  
Central (3-2) 1

### CLASS 2

1. Blair Oaks (9) 5-0  
2. Cameron (1) 5-0  
3. Lawson 5-0  
4. Montgomery County 5-0  
5. Monroe City 4-1  
6. Clark County 5-0  
7. Strafford 4-1  
8. Trenton 5-0  
9. Charleston 4-1  
10. North Callaway 4-1  
Dropped out: El Dorado Springs

Others receiving votes: Hogan Prep (5-0)  
5, El Dorado Springs (3-2) 3, Cardinal  
Ritter (3-2) 2, Brookfield (4-1) 1

### CLASS 1

1. Princeton (8) 5-0  
2. Cass-Midway 5-0  
3. West Platte (1) 4-1  
4. Greenfield (1) 4-1  
5. South Shelby 4-1  
6. Salisburg 4-1  
7. Valle Catholic 4-1  
8. Skystone 5-0  
9. Putnam County 4-1  
10. Marcelline 4-1  
Dropped out: Marionville  
Others receiving votes: Ash Grove (4-1)  
8, Adrian (4-0) 6, St. Vincent (2-3) 5,  
East Buchanan (4-1) 4, Lockwood (4-1)  
2, Hayti (3-1) 1, Marionville (3-2) 1

## 'HOUNDS: Team looks for first conference win

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"We've had 11 penalties in the last three games," Miller said. "We aren't doing anything to hurt ourselves in that aspect, it's just an inability of our offense to sustain things."

Although Lafayette is 0-4 on the season they possess the talent to cause problems for the 'Hounds.

"They have some really athletic players," McKim said. "We're going to have to come out and make good tackles and keep blocking until the whistle blows."

Lafayette also possesses players that have the ability to turn the ballgame around on their own.

"They have a wide receiver (Dominique Thurston) that is 6'5", and they'll try to get the ball to him as much as they can," Miller said. "They also have one of the best backs (Curtis Cruse) in the conference. We have got to make sure we lock-up on him and tackle him because if we don't he's going to run up and down the field and it's going to be a track meet and a band concert."

Miller believes that the key to winning on Friday is the offense.

"If we can sustain drives and score some points I'm confident that our defense will play well enough to win the ballgame," Miller said.

At this point of the season the 'Hounds want and need a win, but Miller knows that it takes a lot more than just wanting to win to make it happen.

"It's human nature, everybody wants to win, but are you willing to do what it takes to win?" he said. "That's the biggest question with this football team. Are we going to do the extra little things? Are we going to work hard everyday? Are we going to come out and try to improve everyday? Up till this point we really haven't had that. We're starting to see more of that coming through though."

Practice and working hard during the week can take a team only so far. It all comes down to what a team does on the field on Friday night.

"The bottom line is it doesn't matter how we practice or do anything else," he said. "On Friday night we've got to move the ball offensively and our offense has to rise up and play to the level of our defense. Then we can expect to compete and be in football game."

## Bulldogs cool off surging Trojans

Injuries play a part in second loss for Trojans

By Brett Barger  
Staff Writer

With injuries looming for the Nodaway-Holt Trojans, momentum from their dismantling of North Nodaway last week was going to make or break the team heading into Friday night's game.

The Trojans traveled to Stanberry to take on the Bulldogs Friday.

Nodaway-Holt only led for three minutes and 53 seconds as Stanberry returned to their winning ways with a 44-8 victory.

Nodaway Holt Coach Robert Svoboda felt that this was just not his team's night, on either side of the ball.

"Stanberry is a lot better team than we faced in the Jamboree. They out tackled us, they out ran us, and they out played us. They deserve this win," said Svoboda.

Nodaway Holt led 8-0 on a 3-yard touchdown run by Nate Jeter.

With 1:27 left in the first

quarter, Stanberry got on the board with a 1-yard touchdown run by Kevin Jensen. A 62-yard touchdown catch by Jensen in the second quarter put the Bulldogs in front for good.

The Bulldog defense came up big, holding Jeter to just 23 yards on 19 carries, including a forced fumble that set up a Stanberry touchdown.

Stanberry coach Dan Collins was proud of his defense's play Friday.

"We knew coming into the game that we had to stop Derr and Jeter, and our defense did a great job. Our defensive ends stayed on them and that took away the outside bootleg plays away, and a combination of the two did a great job for us," Collins said.

Jensen led the Bulldogs with 24 carries for 101 yards and a touchdown.

He also had 4 catches for 85 yards and two touchdowns.

The Trojans fell to 3-2, while the Bulldogs improved to 4-1. Nodaway Holt travels for a game 7 p.m. Friday at Fairfax. Stanberry will remain at home for a game 7 p.m. Friday against West Nodaway.

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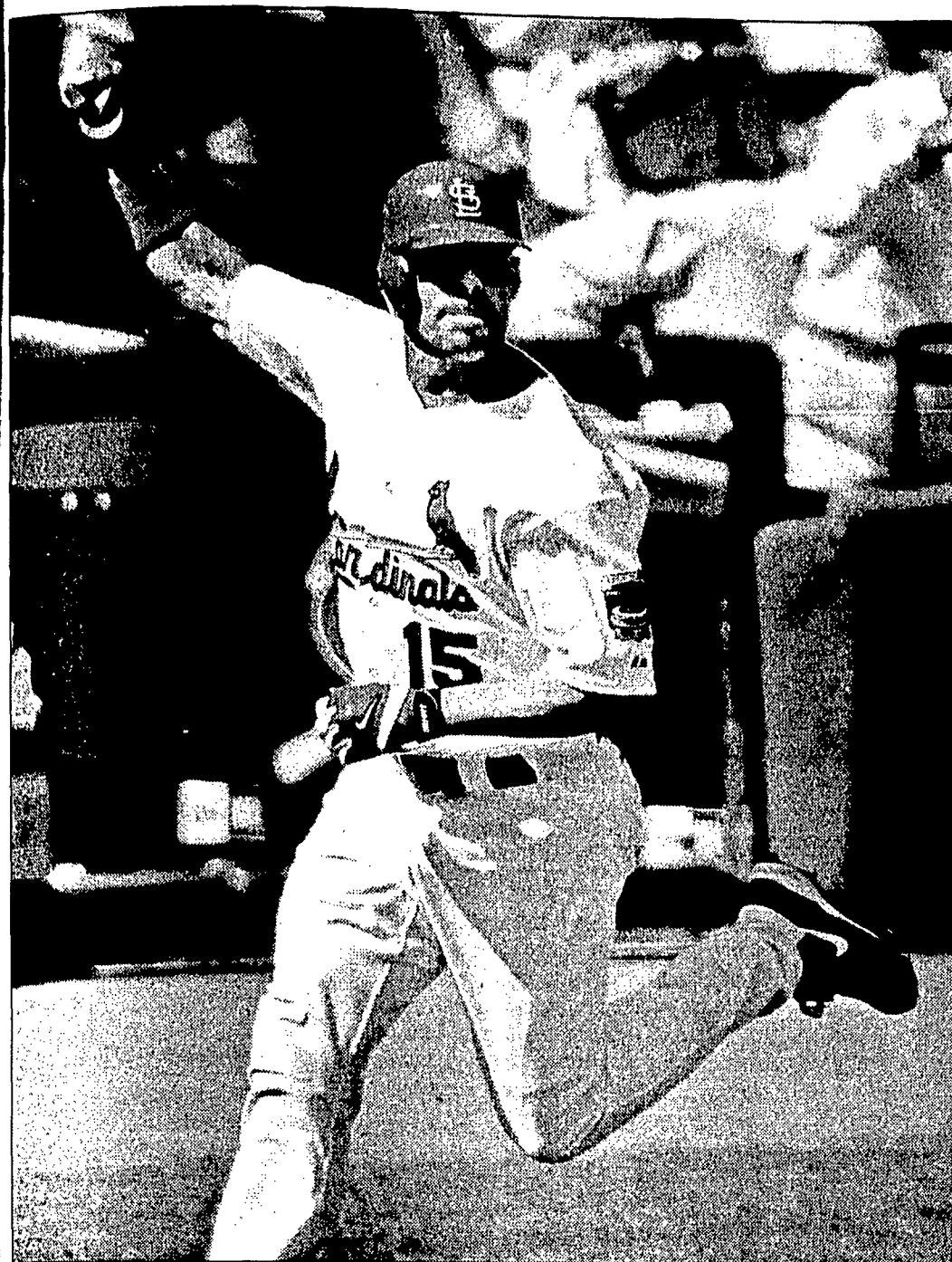
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JIM EDMONDS of the St. Louis Cardinals reacts to his first inning home run in game one of the National League Division Series at Busch Stadium in St. Louis Tuesday. The Cardinals look to expand on their 1-0 series lead as they take on the San Diego Padres at 3 p.m.

## Macha out in Oakland

By Janie McCauley  
Associated Press

Oakland Athletics manager Ken Macha was out of a job Wednesday after failing to reach an agreement on a new contract.

"We decided it's best to part ways at this point," general manager Billy Beane said on a conference call.

"We offered a three-year deal with a club option and they countered with a three-year deal without a club option," Beane said. "I don't think we were ever going to be able to bridge the gap. It was a significant gap."

Macha led the A's to the AL West title in his first year as manager in 2003, the club's

fourth straight playoff berth. But Oakland failed to reach the postseason the past two years despite a 91-win season in 2004 and 88 victories this year.

Macha had said he hoped to return to the A's, and said late in the season he thought the team would make a quick decision.

"There are no hard feelings whatsoever," Beane said. "This is part of the business."

The A's went 88-74 this season, but seemed out of it in May when they had two eight-game losing streaks and finished the month with a 7-20 record. But Oakland rebounded with another strong second half, overcom-

ing injuries to key players such as shortstop Bobby Crosby and No. 2 starter Rich Harden.

Beane met Monday with the 55-year-old Macha, who was still in the Bay Area as of Wednesday and had yet to return home to Pittsburgh for the offseason.

Macha was 276-211 in three seasons with the A's. He came to the Oakland organization in 1999 following four seasons as a manager in Boston's farm system. He was promoted from bench coach when Art Howe left for the New York Mets following the 2002 season.

A message left on Macha's cell phone Wednesday wasn't immediately returned.

## Rams head coach hospitalized

By Jim Salter  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The infection that hospitalized St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz last week involves his heart and is getting worse, Martz said Wednesday.

Martz, 54, expects to miss practice the next two days. Joe Vitt, assistant head coach and linebackers coach, will lead the team in his absence, the Rams said in a statement.

"I have been ill for four or five weeks," Martz said. "Our medical staff is in the process of evaluating a number of diagnostic tests to determine

the cause. Dr. (Doug) Pogue suspects a bacterial infection of a heart valve called endocarditis."

A series of blood tests are planned over the next several days to confirm the diagnosis.

Bacterial endocarditis is an infection of the heart's inner lining, said Dr. Arthur Labovitz, director of cardiology at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

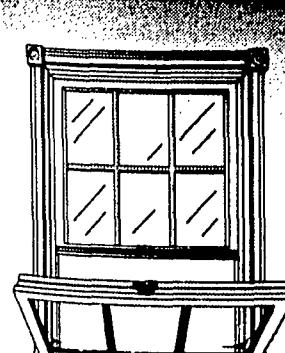
The illness affects 10,000

to 20,000 Americans each year. If the valves are damaged enough, endocarditis can cause strokes, require open heart surgery, and even be fatal, Labovitz said.

"For whatever reason, bacteria gets on that valve," Labovitz said. "There's an infection somewhere in the body and that germ gets in the blood stream."

"Unfortunately, it's not so easy to cure."

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## Mulder gets start for Redbirds

By R.B. Fallstrom  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals acquired Mark Mulder precisely for what he can provide at this time of the year.

The 16-game winner isn't the ace of the staff, getting the start Thursday in Game 2 of the division series behind Chris Carpenter. But he's not far off, having established an enviable run of consistency.

Together, they give the Cardinals dominance they lacked in the postseason last fall.

"I think every pitcher, if you don't go out there expecting to win, expecting to do well, then you shouldn't be going out there," Mulder said. "You've got to be ready for these situations and you've got to thrive on it. You want to go out there for the big game."

It's a very big game for the Padres, who'll try to avoid going down 2-0 in the best-of-five series before heading home for Game 3 Saturday in San Diego. The Padres will go with Pedro Astacio, who has revived his career after being released by the Rangers earlier this year.

For the Cardinals, Mulder gives them an opportunity to put a stronghold on a series that appeared to be the biggest mismatch in the first

round of the postseason.

"We got him for the six months because you've got to qualify for postseason play," manager Tony La Russa said. "It's a great opportunity for him to step up like he has all year long."

Mulder has 88 victories the last five seasons—most of them with Oakland—and that ties him with the Angels' Bartolo Colon for the most in that period. And now that Greg Maddux's run of 17 straight seasons with at least 15 wins has ended, Mulder has inherited that mantle as the active leader with five in a row.

"I'm not thinking about it as the season's going on, but when you get it and his is over now, sure I take pride in that," Mulder said. "Everyone wants to be consistent and he's the perfect example."

Just like Carpenter, who shrugged off four poor starts with six shutout innings in Game 1, Mulder enters the postseason with question marks. In his last two starts he allowed 10 runs, seven earned, in 5 2-3 innings.

Mulder also had a bit of a vampire complex, pitching much better at night than in day games. He was 14-3 in 21 night starts with a 2.26 ERA and 2-5 with a 6.86 ERA in 11 day games.

Mulder scoffs at those

numbers. He pointed out his last day start Sept. 17 in Chicago was a success, seven innings and one run allowed, but that it got lost in the shuffle because that also was the day the Cardinals clinched the NL Central outright.

"I know in the past I've always pitched well in day games, I've always enjoyed day games, but for some reason this year some have been worse than others," he said. "That's the way it goes sometimes."

La Russa, perhaps hopefully, points out that game time is 4 p.m. EST.

"Every year you can play around with stats, that's why they're fun to look at," La Russa said. "If it's kind of between day and night, we're in good shape."

The Padres, who likely lost ace Jake Peavy for the postseason with a broken rib on his right side in Game 1, counter with a 35-year-old right-hander who was out of baseball in June before signing a minor league contract.

Astacio was 2-8 with a 6.04 ERA in 12 starts with the Texas Rangers before getting released, and the Padres, who picked him up when Adam Eaton was out with a strained right middle finger, are his seventh team in 14 seasons.

He was 2-0 with a 1.89 ERA in the final month for the Padres.

## Roaf back on roster for Chiefs

By Doug Tucker  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Willie Roaf was wearing a big smile when Kansas City coach Dick Vermeil ran into him Tuesday morning, which brought an even bigger smile to Vermeil.

The 10-time Pro Bowl left tackle is almost back. The hamstring injury which has sidelined him almost the entire first four games and had a debilitating trickle-down affect on the entire offense is healed.

He'll be ready when the Chiefs get back from their bye week to play Washington on Oct. 16 and perhaps no one will be happier than Tony Gonzalez. The Pro Bowl tight end's receiving stats seemed to disappear the same time Roaf did.

With quarterback Trent Green's main protector on the sidelines and backup Jordan Black struggling in his place, coaches were forced to use Gonzalez much of the time in pass blocking—which is not his strong suit.

When he does break out in a passing pattern, there's less time to get downfield because Green has less time to throw.

"Last week we did a lot of maximum protection," Vermeil said Tuesday. "Tony

was in pass protection a lot. Also, tight end stuff takes a little more time downfield. If you get harassed in our play-action passing and that kind of stuff where Tony's a major key in, and the quarterback's getting knocked around, you use less of that."

After catching only two meaningless passes for five yards in Sunday's 37-31 loss to Philadelphia, Gonzalez let his unhappiness spew forth.

"I didn't go downfield at all," he said. "It's frustrating. I haven't even sniffed the end zone this year. I'm not going to lie to you. I'm really frustrated."

In four games, Gonzalez has caught only 16 passes for 129 yards and no touchdowns — far below the standard he set while going to the Pro Bowl six times and way off the pace he set last season while breaking the NFL receiving

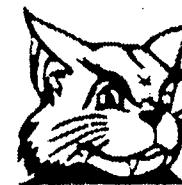
record for his position. "Regardless of what excuse we want to make, we have to do a better job of getting the ball to Tony Gonzalez's hands," Vermeil said Tuesday. "He set an all-time record in the history of the National Football League with 102 catches last year and I'm certainly not going to panic because he's not at that pace right now."

Vermeil said he was not worried about Gonzalez' unhappiness causing any team dissension.

"Tony's frustration comes from not being able to make a contribution to winning by not catching the ball, rather than just not catching passes. I guarantee that," he said. "I know him well enough to know that. It's not a selfish frustration. It's a good frustration. I appreciate that kind of frustration."

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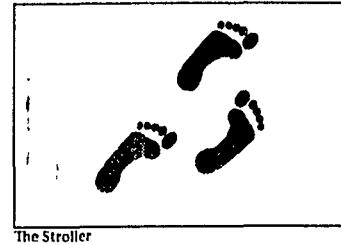
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## Bike!

Now Your Man is all for conserving gas, heck he even thought about walking to class one day but people riding bikes need to be taught a lesson or two.

You don't own the flipping sidewalk! Every time a cyclist comes up behind me and yells "bike!" I want to run their fingers through the spokes like a Mike Sweeney baseball card.

It never fails. I'll be walking down the flag plaza chit chatting on my cell phone and then out of nowhere, "BIKE!"

Not only does it interrupt my important conversation but the attitude of bike riders really gets me riled up.

They wouldn't annoy me so bad if they didn't brag about riding a bike.

"I save so much gas money riding my bike plus I get lots of exercise and it's good for the environment."

Hey, walking gives you all that plus you don't have to look like a dork.

Your Man tries to have a little fun every once in a while with our friends on two

## wheels.

Have you ever looked at the face of a cyclist as he's coming at you head on? They just look miserable. It looks like they have jock itch but their hands are glued to the handlebars.

The most dangerous part of riding a bike to me seems the eminent danger that you could always fall flat on your face, either all alone or even worse, in front of a crowd of people.

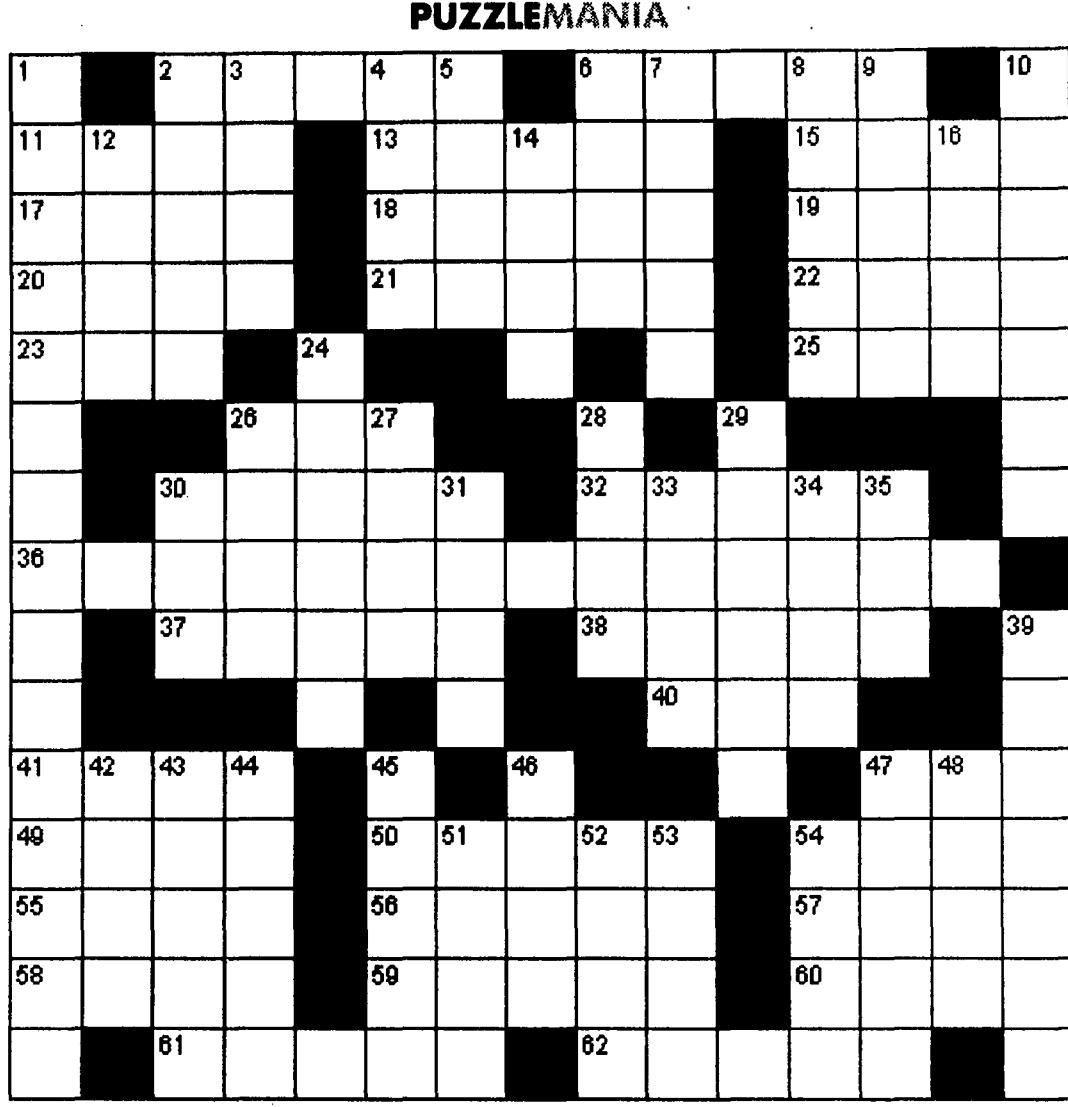
Maybe that is why Your Man gets a kick out of seeing

the novice cyclists struggle with maintaining balance.

It has all the embarrassment of falling up the stairs or dropping your lunch tray in the cafeteria combined with the utter brutality of watching a referee laid out in a football game.

I'm not saying bikes aren't cool, but cars are more practical. I mean, have you ever tried to make out with a significant other in the back of a Huff?

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6. Sign of rank
11. Male name
13. Warble
15. Car man
17. Refuse (archaic)
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19. Large wading bird
20. Lazily
21. Celtic knife
22. In no way
23. Triangular ratio
25. Female given name
26. Liturgical vestment
30. Sealed with a loving kiss
32. Skin of the upper part of the head
36. Drug stocks
37. Cat-tails
38. Tarnish
40. Cavity
41. Deer tail
47. Mistress Braun
49. Exclusive
50. Minute quantities
54. Automatic entries to next round
55. Taverns
56. Lively round dance
57. Devices
58. Flesh of a calf
59. Uric acid salt
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61. Roof edges
62. Weighing machine
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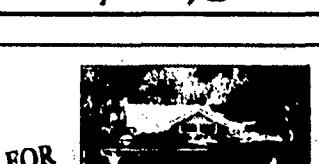
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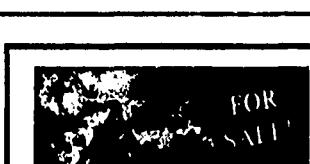
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# A generous sigh of relief

Kristine Hotop  
Features Editor

Most Maryville residents ended up on hurricane damage control and destruction television newscasts, except Melody Blair. She doesn't watch television.

Instead, she gets daily updates of the actual damage from her husband, Dave Slidell, La., who is helping the Red Cross with hurricane relief.

Dave left at 3 a.m., Sept. 23, with the Red Cross as part of relief. He flew into Alabama, then to Baton Rouge, La. Many of the other volunteers were flown into Houston, but Dave was flown straight to the relief site, making a detour around the Texas airport during Hurricane Rita.

Dave left his job with Energizer in July of this year and has been helping his wife with volunteer jobs. Melody saw a commercial for the Red Cross asking for volunteers to help with destruction the hurricane caused. Melody called and requested more information and after reviewing the material, Dave agreed to help.

A week later Dave and son Daniel, 19, attended a training session in St. Joseph, Mo. The following Thursday, Dave returned to St. Joseph to pick up a sleeping bag, debit card and telephone numbers to set up his trip down south.

The telephone num-

bers for plane tickets, travel arrangements and itinerary were listed on a card. Once he arrived in Louisiana, he called the number listed, and it provided his plans, whether he was to take a bus, hail a cab or wait for others.

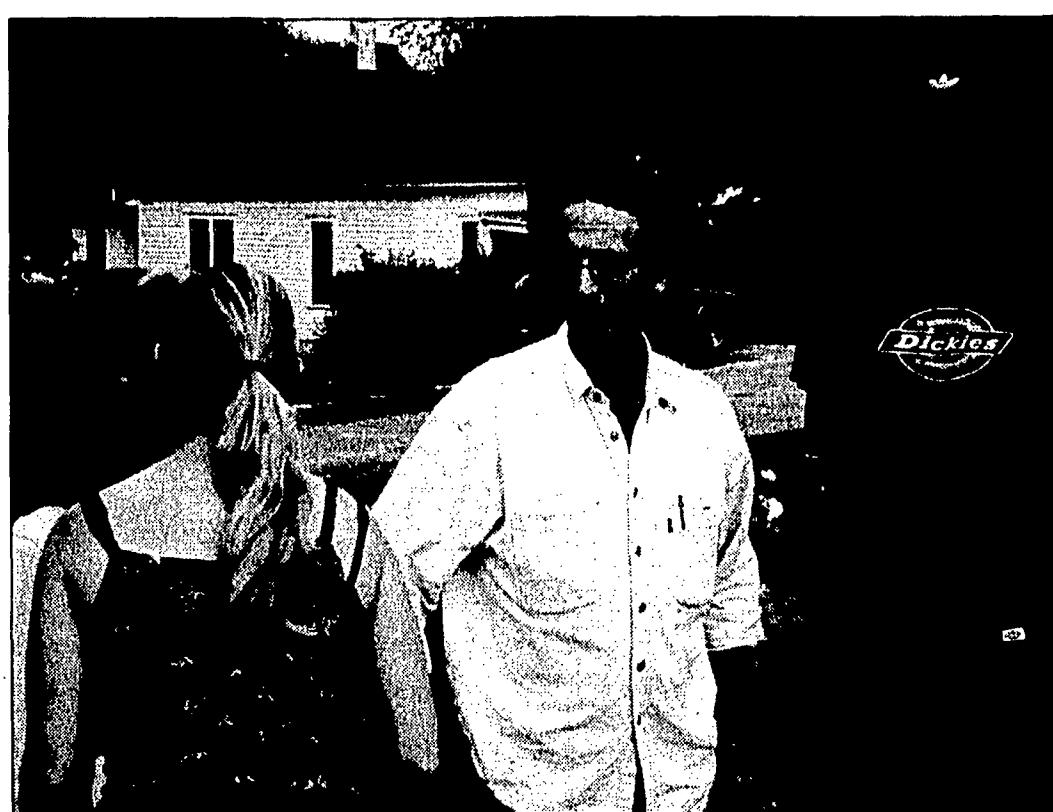
The debit card allows the volunteers about \$34 a day, which provided for food and any additional transportation they want to take.

Melody describes her husband as an idealist, in which he mostly just sees the good in people. She thinks viewing what the crisis created and people reacted will open his eyes to the negative aspect of people.

"It's nice to help in the greater good of something," she said. "I think it will be good for him to be involved in something like this. I think it will adjust the way he sees people in this world, and that will be something new for him to register."

Dave called four days after he got to Slidell and said that "everything is running very smoothly." Melody also described how he met a lawyer who attended Berkeley during the civil rights movement. The conversations between the two help keep their minds diverted from the negative aspect of hurricane destruction.

"Horrendous. That's the word they used to describe what he was going into," Melody said. "I didn't realize,



DAVE BLAIR with his wife Melody, daughter Dina and son Daniel earlier this year. Dave later was sent to New Orleans to help with hurricane cleanup

and I don't think he did either, how bad it was until he called me and told me that everything was demolished. The destruction was—unbelievable. That's what it was."

Dave spent the first few nights in the Methodist Church Youth Center. The women there took care of the volunteers by feeding them and collecting their clothes at night to wash. The group then moved into Slidell.

For the remainder of his stay, Dave's new home is inside a "giant albino circus tent," as he described it to his wife. The only things he was allowed to bring were a few changes of clothes and any extra spending money he thinks he might need.

Melody explained how most of the sewage hasn't been turned on yet, and even porta potties are difficult to find.

Melody tries to encourage her family to volunteer as much as possible, stepping in when necessary.

Dave and Melody have seven children, ranging from

6 to 26: Stephanie, Dustin, Dina, Julie, Mark, Daniel and Callie.

Dave's expected return is Oct. 14. All volunteers are required to return home after three weeks of work to relax. The next trip Dave takes, Daniel plans on going with him.

"I'm glad my family can help out with something better," she said. "I am very involved in volunteer work and now they get to do their part to help out. It's a sense of pride I can hold."

## CINEMA VIEWING

In theaters this week, an equal mix of comedy and drama:

**Oct. 6**

**Four Minutes.** Drama, starring Jamie MacLachlan, Patrick McManus

**Oct. 7**

**In Her Shoes PG-13.** Comedy/drama, starring Cameron Diaz

**Two for the Money R.** Drama/thriller, starring Al Pacino, Matthew McConaughey, Renée Russo

**Waiting... R.** Comedy, starring Ryan Reynolds, Andy Milonakis, Dane Cook

**Doom R.** Action/sci-fi, starring Karl Urban, The Rock

## SIZZLING JAMS

To all those downloading-obsessed, here are the top 10 downloads.

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**6. Boyfriend,** Ashlee Simpson

**7. Beverly Hills,** Weezer

**8. Feel Good Inc.,** Gorillaz

**9. Outta Control,** 50 Cent and Mobb Deep

**10. Don't Lie,** Black-Eyed Peas

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## Northwest 'gets country' with Cagle



CHRIS CAGLE PERFORMED Monday after being on vocal and rehab for the past year.

By Andrew Glover  
Staff Writer

For those who thought Country Music Tonight was only in Branson, Mo., they were wrong.

Monday night, Bearcat Arena was transformed into a loud and energetic scene full of country music. Those behind the music were singers Julie Roberts and Chris Cagle.

Opening the show was up-and-coming artist Roberts, who played some hits off her album, as well as some familiar classic rock tunes. Roberts seemed to enjoy her tough job of warming up the crowd.

It was apparent that Roberts was still new to performing, as she showed a lack of stage presence by not moving around much. Though she had amazing singing talents, her speaking tone wasn't quite the same. After every song she would stop and thank the crowd with her loud, annoying voice.

Finally, it was time for the headliner to make his appearance.

Many fans flocked towards

the stage in hopes of getting even closer to Cagle. As soon as the lights went down and the entrance music began, the band took to the stage. A loud roar came from the audience as Cagle opened the show with an old hit, "I Got My Finger On It."

After playing a few songs, Cagle fetched his black acoustic guitar, which served as a sign for one of his most popular songs, "Laredo."

"I Breathe In, I Breathe Out," one of his other big hits, followed, however, he had to stop half way through, due to unexpected audience participation. Cagle was surprised as the audience recited each word, and expressed his gratitude for everyone loving his music before starting the chorus.

Cagle's sheer energy and love for performing was clearly evident throughout the show. He would often stop and talk about his hard-times through the past year, always thanking everyone for their continued support.

Prior to his encore, Cagle introduced his band, and said

his farewells and thanks.

For the encore, Cagle came out with his guitar and played his rendition of the Elton John hit, "Rocketman." As his band joined him on stage, he went straight into the fan favorite, "Beautiful Day," which caused a lot of couples in the crowd to start dancing.

Before his final note, Cagle delivered a sermon telling the audience, "life is short, so go on and live it 'cause the chicks dig it."

He then ended the show on his most popular song, "Chicks Dig It."

The moment in the concert that most everyone will remember, was when Cagle decided to climb the scaffold that supports the lights, while singing. It was clear, that though it was a Monday night, it was still okay to cut loose and have a blast.

For someone who has seen Cagle perform once before, as an opening act instead, it was apparent that the show was going his way, and the those in the crowd weren't waiting for another show. They were there to see him.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

**Bonnie Raitt,** Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., Midland Theatre, Kansas City, Mo.

**Asleep At the Wheel,** Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Grand Emporium, Kansas City.

**Violent Femmes,** Oct. 7, 9 p.m., Beaumont Club, Kansas City.

**Elephant Man,** Oct. 7, 9 p.m., Granada, Lawrence, Kan.

**Ruby Wilson,** Oct. 8, 8:30 p.m., Blue Room, Kansas City.

**Alien Ant Farm,** Oct. 9, 9 p.m., Bottleneck, Lawrence, Kan.

**The Posies,** Oct. 12, 9 p.m., Hurricane Kansas City, Kansas City.

**Lewis Black,** Oct. 13, 8 p.m., Uptown Theater, Kansas City.

## 'X-Men Legends' rise in new fall releases

Masaki Oyata  
Staff Writer

**X-Men Legends II: Rise of the Apocalypse** is the sequel to the stellar *X-Men Legends* released last year. It is an action, role-playing game, made by Raven Software.

**Graphics: Rating 7.8**

The graphics get the job done but there wasn't any improvement over last year's game. The character models are not detailed and the ani-

mations are limited. However the cut scenes are done well and look great.

**Game Play: Rating 9.0**

The game play is the same as the previous game with added mutant powers and characters. Players now can be the Brotherhood of Mutants with such characters like Toad and Magneto, and almost all of the favorites are in the game.

**Sound: Rating 8.2**

The voice acting in the

game seem forced by some of the actors, and seem repetitive, yet aren't annoying. However, the music quality is good especially if the player is endowed with a home theatre system.

**Overview: Rating 8.8**

The game as a whole is

a great beginning to the fall releases.

**X-Men Legends II:** will get you through gaming droughts, can take your mind off future releases and even the Xbox 360.

**X-Men Legends II** is available for \$49.99.





PHOTOS BY ASHLEY BALLY / UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

## Tracing Tragedy

By Ashley Bally  
University Editor

Images of the South often relate back to those painted by Hollywood and textbooks. Pre-conceived notions of voodoo and murky swamps do not exactly coincide with reality.

For people like me who have barely set foot outside of Missouri's borders, these ideas have been with us for years. So, a four-day trip to encounter six different states in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina should serve as something of a crash course into a world outside of my own.

9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 29  
Kansas City, Mo.

My parents and I finally leave Kansas City after trading our Ford Taurus for a somewhat better and slightly roomier Ford Expedition. The switch is better considering the plan for our trip, Thursday to Sunday, staying only one night in a hotel.

My parents are on a mission to get a contract allowing them to help clear away debris to begin construction after Katrina.

I wanted to go for my own reasons though. I have seen the devastation on the news and in the papers and I have been aching to get out of Missouri's borders and experience it for myself. Now I have my chance.

7:30 a.m.  
Friday, Sept. 30  
Jackson, Miss.

In the forested edges that line the sides of the highway more and more trees come into view, broken at the bases that have crashed to the ground. These are the first signs of Katrina's destruction.

10:30 a.m.  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

The damage here is more of what I had predicted. These images mimic the ones we have all seen on television.

Debris lines the sides of all the roads. Piles upon piles of destroyed furniture, car parts and clothing litter my view. Few businesses are open but life has returned to the city struck by the hurricane's wrath.

Restaurants are a rare commodity here. The only thing we can find open is a Wendy's inside of a crowded gas station. I don't think I have ever waited so long for a fast food salad.

1:27 p.m.  
Biloxi, Miss.

Bright blue colored tarps act as makeshift rooftops. Debris is strewn all across the edges of the road. We pass through a residential area that has turned a dead end into something of a landfill.

Here the damage is very sporadic. It feels more like a tornado than a hurricane. In some cases I pass houses that have garages ripped completely off while the house next door has a few missing windows.

All around the neighborhood the men and women that have returned struggle to piece their homes and lives back together.

2:30 p.m.  
Gulfport, Miss.

We have reached the Gulfport area.

I was not prepared for this.

As we move closer and closer to the coast the damage becomes more catastrophic than anything I have seen on the news.

The only people we encounter here are military personnel and construction workers.

Words can't describe the scale of destruction here. The roads have been cleared for traffic to move through. Houses here are

beyond repair. Entire neighborhoods have been leveled.

I try to imagine what the people here would have been doing right now. I look around and see no one. The absence of life makes me nervous. It reminds me of that hushed yet alert feeling you'd get standing in a cemetery.

I manage to persuade my parents to pull over for a while. Several houses here have been pushed with such force that they have shifted off their foundations. In many cases the concrete steps leading to a front porch are all that remain. Some houses have been pushed directly out into the street making travel down some roads impossible.

Walking down one street I pass two houses where the view through the front of the house leads directly to the backyard.

In spite of the horrific nature of what once were homes, a glimmer of hope still remains. People left messages on houses promising to return. On one house in particular hangs a giant cork board sign with white spray paint that reads, "Surviving Katrina... Priceless."

11:00 p.m.  
Pensacola, Fla.

We reach our hotel for the night. The Rodeway Inn is the kind of motel most decline to stay at after seeing the photos. Due to a lack of vacancies in the region we are trapped here for the evening.

A request for Internet access seems to confuse the attendant at the front desk. While cornered in a rundown motel I hoped to be able to check my Facebook at least once. Instead I fall asleep watching reruns of *Everybody Loves Raymond*. Insomnia is definitely not a gift.

1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 1

I wake up in the backseat. The temperature is 92 degrees and we are somewhere in Mississippi. I feel like my skin is glued to the seats from the humidity. I find myself slightly nauseous from the heat.

I missed Alabama...again.

3:40 p.m.  
Slidell, La.

Slidell is optimistic.

My first encounter with the town is at a Kentucky Fried Chicken. Most restaurants are closed but in this small section a few different fast food options are available. In the restaurant the buffet is closed and only a few sides are available.

Several of the vehicles on the road here are working on gathering debris.

The highways here have us backed up in traffic, the first I have really seen all weekend. I begin to realize quickly that traffic on the highway is not good. When the Expedition doesn't move, the air conditioner isn't cold.

My parents tell me I also slept through Picayune and The Bay of St. Louis.

5:30 p.m.  
Lake Pontchartrain, Causeway Bridge

Wow.

The Causeway Bridge is leading us straight into New Orleans. The pavement below us stretches for 24 miles over the water of Lake Pontchartrain. There is not one boat out on the water.

My breath catches in my throat and I can't pull my eyes away from staring directly into the setting sun.

The air is full of salt and my parents are yapping on in the background but I can't hear a word of it. I stare directly west to where the sun meets the water. The light is so bright it nearly blinds me, but

I cannot look away.

6:00 p.m.  
New Orleans

Driving into the city leads us directly into the business district. I am surrounded by towering hotels and skyscrapers.

There is something about the air here that makes me cough.

The whole city smells damp, like clothes that have been left in the washing machine for too long.

We navigate through the northeast side of the city traveling only on the highway.

The one thing that catches my attention above all others are the cemeteries that run along the side of the highway. The old mausoleum style tombs are still standing. The white paint has been chipped away by time, not the storm.

Along the retaining walls of the highway, there is a very faded and yet distinct brown line. This stands out as a reminder of where the flood waters once were.

Many houses here are specked with the bright blue tarps from before, and the grass shifts from brown to green.

The sun sets quickly and we are forced to turn around. Driving back to the Causeway Bridge I see down below the pitch black of the city. Some areas are still without power.

The wind picks up as we leave town. My hair whips violently into my face and as I roll up my window I say goodbye. In 16 hours I will be back in Missouri. The day after that, back at school.

I hate that I'm leaving. I haven't had enough time to see everything and yet I cannot organize my thoughts around what I have seen.

Two things are very apparent in this region of the country; there is devastation and there is hope.